WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

of the

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Methodist Church

REPORT OF CHARTER AND FIRST ANNUAL MEETINGS

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Alexandria, October 23, 1940

First Annual Meeting

Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport

April 29, 30 and May 1, 1941

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Deaconess ~~Verna Webster~~, Southwestern, 124 Smith St., Lafayette. Betty Glasson
~~Deaconess Fay Kirkpatrick~~, Springhill.
Deaconess, State School, Ruston (to be appointed). Thelma Hubbard

Conference News

Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., Lafayette, Editor. P

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CALENDAR

January	Annual Reports made at Auxiliary meeting. Pledges and Budgets for year. Pledges reported to District Secretary. Handbook provided for each officer.
February	World-wide Day of Prayer for Missions.
March	Executive Committee Meeting.
April	Reports of 1st Quarter, made at Auxiliary Meeting. District Meetings.
May	Study of Conference Yearbook and Minutes. Houma Mission Day.
June	Conference for Christian Workers, June 9-13, 1941, Shreveport. Executive Committee Meeting.
July	Reports of 2nd Quarter, made at Auxiliary Meeting. Schools of Missions and Conferences Mt. Sequoyah, July 8-18, 1941; Lake Junaluska, July 24 - August 5, 1941.
September	Study Leaders Institute. Executive Committee Meeting.
October	Mid-Term Executive Meeting. Reports of 3rd Quarter made at Auxiliary Meeting. Week of Prayer.
November	Election of Officers. Send list of Officers to District Secretary at Once.
December	Harvest Day—Pledges and Offering paid in full. Executive Committee Meeting. Installation of Officers. Officers Training Day.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance—

Miss Belle Calhoun
Mrs. W. H. Martin
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Mrs. W. A. McKenzie

Constitution and Ly-Laws—

Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter
Mrs. J. J. McKeithen
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Mrs. C. C. Hightower

Status of Women—

Mrs. S. J. Fairchild
Mrs. John Parker
Mrs. V. M. Hunt

Visiting Institutions—

Mrs. J. H. Thatcher
Mrs. W. W. Holmes
Mrs. E. A. Sartor

Missionary Personnel—

Mrs. J. B. Pollard
Mrs. J. J. McKeithen
Mrs. J. H. Thatcher
Mrs. E. A. Sartor

Coopted
Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.
Rev. G. W. Dameron

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Mrs. Sudie Lingle
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Mrs. H. A. Sheppard
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Mrs. David Tarver

Christian Social Relations—Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, Chairman.

Local Church and Community Cooperation—
Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Crowley.

International Relations and World Peace—
Mrs. Roger Sharp, 1838 Robert Street, New Orleans.

Alcohol and Other Narcotics—
Mrs. H. V. Dunford, Winnfield.

The Christian Family—
Mrs. H. B. Wren, 200 Dazell Street, Shreveport.

Representatives on Annual Conference Deaconess Board—

Mrs. J. B. Pollard
Mrs. C. I. Jones

Scarritt Promotion—

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy

Wesleyan Service Guild Board—

Mrs. Hugh Hoff, Chairman.
Mrs. Josephine Burnett, Alexandria.
Miss Lillian Hood, United Gas Company, Shreveport.
Miss Mary Searles, 429 Brice Street, Baton Rouge.
Mrs. Robert Kent, Homer.
Miss Joyce Odell, 1326 Lowerline, New Orleans.
Miss Mildred Simmons, Welsh.
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Mrs. S. J. Bean, Haynesville.
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Mrs. T. D. Chapman, Bunkie.
Mrs. Marlin Drake, Shreveport.
Mrs. E. R. Haug, Lake Charles.

Members Jurisdiction Society—

Mrs. J. B. Pollard
Mrs. J. H. Thatcher
Mrs. C. I. Jones
Mrs. Hugh Hoff
Mrs. S. J. Fairchild

Alternates: Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, Mrs. G. W. Dameron

ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE

Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection and the life; He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

"They are not lost, who find the sunset gate
The goal of all their faithful years.
They are not lost who find the
Light of sun and stars . . . and God."

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

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Mrs. Ken Clark
Mrs. I. G. Frew
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Mrs. H. P. Heiss
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Mrs. Mary Mears
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Mrs. Maude Schoalfield
Mrs. Ethel Cilgate Atkins
Mrs. C. C. Sturgid
Mrs. C. E. Parker
Mrs. J. T. Tadlock
Mrs. S. B. Coss

NAMES PLACED ON MEMORIAL ROLL

Mrs. Ella Denman Teer, by Mrs. Tom Wimberly of Coushatta.

PRAYER SPECIALS

Pray that the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Louisiana may increase in members, gifts, enthusiasm, missionary vision and prayer life.

Pray daily for the conference workers, Misses Shiela Nuttall, Fay Kirkpatrick, Verna Webster and Mamie J. Chandler.

Pray daily for the workers at McDonell School, St. Marks Community Center, Jubilee Inn and Sagar Brown Orphanage.

Pray that moral and religious influences may permeate the Army Training Camps.

Pray for Christian leaders in Korea, Japan and China who face most difficult and momentous situations.

Pray for safety, courage and wisdom for missionaries throughout the world.

Pray that the "Christian Church may have a confident understanding of its mission and achieve a sufficient loyalty to its faith, so that it might be used of God to bring the world out of this present chaos into a brighter day."

Pray that there may be a real universal fellowship of Christians in this war torn world.

WEEK OF PRAYER SPECIALS—1941

The Foreign Department:

Christian Literature in foreign fields across the world with special emphasis on Christianizing the home.

Medical Equipment around the world.

The Home Department:

Endowed Pension Fund for Deaconesses.

Erection of a Convalescent Home for Negro children at Brewster Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida.

BUDGET FOR 1941

Pledge to Womans Division Christian Service	$30,000.00
Conference Expense	3,000.00
Total	$33,000.00

PLEDGES BY DISTRICTS FOR 1941

Alexandria	$3,650.00
Baton Rouge	3,900.00
Lake Charles	3,600.00
Monroe	4,450.00
New Orleans	4,800.00
Ruston	4,600.00
Shreveport	8,000.00
Total for Conference	$33,000.00

ECHOES FROM JURISDICTIONAL MEETING

"For the Woman's Society of Christian Service there are the influences of the past and the present from each branch of Methodism that are summoned to bring to perfect consummation the unification of the Women's Work of this great church." Dr. H. Bascom Watts.

"The first value of union is that we are pledging ourselves to a new and larger opportunity for increasing spiritual horizons." Mrs. Wiltz M. Ledbetter.

Mrs. Sexton in her remarks asked that the women give way to God's creative power so that they may become channels through which God may work.

Miss Estelle Haskins' great desire was that Women have a "World Outlook."

Miss Bettie Brittingham said she hoped to make "The Methodist Woman" so indispensable that the members of the W. S. C. S. will not be able to do without it.

Mrs. DeVinny said, "We are writing again the Acts of the Apostles, God needs transformed personalities. As missionary women we must specialize in the imposible. We can do this—

1. By accepting power beyond ourselves. This is the free gift of God.
2. By complete dedication.
3. By discovering new spiritual processes.

The great discoveries in the days to come must be in the realm of the spirit and who but Christian people can discover the laws of the spiritual life. So upon women dedicated to Christian service great responsibility rests."

THE CHARTER MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

"And they shall come from the east and the west" was literally fulfilled in the gathering of the Louisiana women from the former churches, Methodist Protestant, Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist Episcopal South for the charter meeting of the Louisiana Conference Society in Alexandria on October 2nd and 3rd, 1940.

Great excitment was in the air as there was to be inaugurated a brand new organization of Methodist women.

The convenor of the meeting, Bishop A. Frank Smith, stressed the significance of the occasion in his opening remarks and invited the district secretaries of the former Southern church to call the roll of the societies by districts.

There was real surprise and gratification when the roll call revealed the fact that 225 Societies had sent in their charter certificates with an enrollment of 9827 charter members.

The Charter meeting of the Louisiana Conference Society of Christian Service was a delightful occasion from start to finish. Alexandria women, hosts for this historical occasion were at their best. Christian hospitality reigned.

The Charter Dinner was a most unusual and festive feature, and the challenging address of the Bishop, urging the united womanhood of the Church to greater endeavors and attainments, will remain long in the minds and hearts of all present. "Lead on, oh King Eternal, the day of march has come" was the prayer of every Methodist woman attending this sacred and holy occasion.

MINUTES OF THE CHARTER MEETING OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

held at

ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

October 2-3, 1940

The Charter Meeting of the Louisiana Conference of Christian Service was called to order promptly at 2 P. M., October 2nd, by Bishop A. Frank Smith, in the First Methodist Church, Alexandria.

The Hymn, "LEAD ON OH KING ETERNAL", was sung and the Scripture Reading and Prayer was given by Dr. R. H. Harper.

The first item of business was the election of a Secretary Pro Tem. Mrs. J. B. Pollard was elected to this place.

The Bishop spoke briefly of the purpose of the meeting and said "we are here to hold the Charter Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Society of Christian Service." The Bishop invited each District Secretary to the platform to call the roll of her district and the delegates from the

various societies responded, stating the number of Charter Members in the Auxiliaries.

At the close of the Roll Call, Dr. Harper asked for the privilege of having Mrs. Harper introduce a distinguished guest, which proved to be the wife of the Bishop, who was on her first visit to the Louisiana Conference. Both Mrs. Smith and the Bishop responded to the introduction and stated their genuine fondness for Louisiana and Louisiana folks.

Mrs. Wiltz Ledbetter gave the report of the Research Committee and read the following names to be considered for Conference Officers: President, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr. of Shreveport; Vice-President, Mrs. J. J. McKeithen of Grayson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Pollard of Alexandria; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Thatcher, Houma; Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Carver of Rayne; Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Shreveport; Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, West Monroe; Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Hugh Hoff, 3724 Pitt Street, New Orleans; Secretary of Student Work, Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Crowley; Secretary of Young Women's and Girl's Work, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Ruston; Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. Ed Conger, Arcadia; Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. G. J. Tinsley of Lafayette; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. C. I. Jones, New Orleans.

On motion of Mrs. Hunt it was voted that the repoirt of the Commitee be accepted in full and the Bishop announced that this automatically completed the organization.

The new president, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., was presented and made a few appropriate remarks concerning her acceptance of this high office.

The conference proceeded at once to elect its president and five others as its representatives to the South Central Jurisdictional Society of Christian Service. The following tellers were appointed: Mesdames F. J. Fairchild, C. I. Jones, Fred Pentecost, F. G. Johnson, George Tigner and A. W. Baird.

After discussion on the method of election, on motion of Mrs. D. C. Metcalf it was voted that nominations be made from the floor and the election be by ballot requiring a majority vote. The following nominations were made: Mesdames J. B. Pollard, C. I. Jones, A. E. Sartor, J. H. Thatcher, W. O. Lynch, G. W. Pomeroy, S. J. Fairchild, E. C. Gibson, J. J. McKeiltchen, Hugh Hoff and S. E. Castles.

The ballots were passed and cast. As the ballots were being counted brief talks were made by Mrs. A. Wells of the former Methodist Protestant Church, Mrs. Hugh Hoff of the Home Society of the former M. E. Church, and Mrs. Haug of the Foreign Society of the former M. E. Church. These former officers told of the number of organizations they were bringing into the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Miss Ella Hooper, principal of the MacDonell School and Miss

Shiela Nuttall, rural deaconess of the Monroe District, were introduced and spoke briefly of their work.

Mrs. Sexton spoke concerning the following types of work now under the Conference Society: Settlement work at St. Mark's Community Center, New Orleans; Cooperative Home Work at Jubilee Inn, Shreveport; Educational Work at MacDonell French Mission School, Houma; Student Work at State Schools at Natchitoches and Lafayette; Rural work in the Monroe and Ruston Districts; work with lepers at Carville; Negro Work at Peck Hall, New Orleans, and an orphanage at Baldwin.

Mrs. Fairchild, chairman of tellers, reported on the first ballot, which showed that Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Mrs. C. I. Jones and Mrs. J. H. Thatcher had received a majority vote and were elected to the Jurisdictional Society. The second ballot was taken for additional representatives and collected by the tellers.

A motion for adjournment was made and the benediction was pronounced.

Charter Dinner

Promptly at 6 o'clock the delegates and visitors gathered into the auditorium of the educational building where the banquet tables were laid for 232 guest. The room and tables had been made festive with beautiful flowers from the gardens of the Alexandria women. The honor guests for the occasion: Bishop and Mrs. A. Frank Smith; Dr. and Mrs. B. C. Taylor and Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Harper, were introduced by the president, Mrs. Sexton, and a short program followed. Deeply impressive was the filing of the Charter Certificates of the auxiliaries by the district secretaries, with the Conference Secretary, Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, who in turn presented them to the newly elected corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. H. Thatcher. At the conclusion of this sacred ceremony Mrs. Ledbetter spoke, using for her subject, "DEDICATION TO ADVANCE." A surprise and thrilling feature of this interesting program was the presentation by Mrs. Sexton to Mrs. Ledbetter of a Life Patron membership, the very first to be made in this conference. Mrs. Ledbetter, who was concluding eight years of service as Conference Secretary responded most graciously and feelingly.

Wednesday Night Service

The auditorium of the Church was filled to capacity for the evening service. Dr. B. C. Taylor, the pastor, presided. The hymn, "FAITH OF OUR FATHERS", was sung. The Scripture and Prayer were given by Dr. D. B. Raulins. An anthem "HEAR OUR PRAYER" was rendered by a "Woman's Choir".

The speaker of the evening was Bishop A. Frank Smith, who was presented to the audience by the president, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr. The

Bishop's address opened with a short review of Women's organizations in the three former churches that make up the new Methodist Church, and paid tribute to all of them. He spoke most forcefully and informingly of the new General Board of Missions with its Divisions of Home and Foreign and Women's Work.

In speaking of Foreign Work he told how well Christianity is rooted in the younger churches and of the very important part they are playing in this desperate world situation. He spoke most earnestly concerning Home Mission Work, and stressed the importance of both city and rural work. He closed this illuminating address with a great challenge to this New Methodist Church, which he stated is the largest Protestant body in America, and said, "the responsibility is ours."

At the close of the address the holy communion was administered to the Conference body and visitors.

Thursday Morning Session

The morning service opened with a service of worship and praise which was conducted by Mrs. Guy Hicks. The 23rd Psalm was repeated in unison and the hymn "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY" was sung, after which prayer was led by Mrs. Hicks. Mrs. Hicks message was indeed a great challenge "to Rise UP Oh Women of God and be done with lesser things." The service closed with the singing of the hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have" as a complete dedication to a big task.

The installation service of conference officers was conducted by Dr. R. H. Harper. This was concluded with a prayer of dedication with officers kneeling at the altar.

Mrs. Sexton took the chair and spoke from her heart concerning the great potentialites of this Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Fairchild, chairman of tellers, reported on the second ballot taken at the Wednesday afternoon sesson which resulted in the election of Mrs. Hugh Hoff. Ballots were passed by the tellers and cast for the sixth representative to the Jurisdictional Society.

Mrs. Sexton announced that short talks would be heard from each Conference officer.

The Vice-President, Mrs. McKeithen, spoke and offered to the new Conference Society, not only her fullest cooperation, but that also of her sisters of the former Methodist Protestant Church.

Mrs. J. H. Thatcher, corresponding secretary, stated that 225 Charter Societies and 9827 charter members had been reported at this Charter Session of the Conference Society.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Recording Secretary, spoke briefly concerning the importance of keeping accurate records.

At this time the registration committee reported that 165 delegates were in attendance at the Conference and 232 were seated at the charter dinner.

Mrs. Fairchild, chairman of tellers, reported that the last ballot had resulted in no election. Another ballot was taken and collected by the tellers.

The president stated she regretted the absence of Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, and gave her new address as, Alexandrine Court, F47, Shreveport.

Mrs. Metcalf, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations said this office now carried double duty and urged all to follow the directions for this work slowly and carefully.

At this time Mrs. Sexton presented Mrs. Lorania Eckley, the Louisiana Conference president of colored women who responded graciously to the introduction.

Mrs. Ledbetter told of the set up of the interracial committee of the woman's division, stating that it was headed jointly by a white and colored woman.

Mrs. Hugh Hoff, Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild told of the four departments of work of this organization for Methodist business and professional women.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Secretary of Young Women's and Girls' Work spoke earnestly of building wisely and permanently by training our girls and young women.

Mrs. Ed Conger, secretary of Children's Work, stated that we must wait patiently for the instructions for this work, but she knew they would be "the best ever for missionary education of our children. We do know that in January we will teach China and it will be found in the graded literature."

The report of tellers was heard and Mrs. Dewitt Henry stated that Mrs. Fairchild had been elected. This completed the voting.

Mrs. J. G. Tinsley, Secretary of Literature and Publications, spoke of our splendid literature and of our valuable organs, "THE METHODIST WOMAN", and "WORLD OUTLOOK", and stated our aim is "EVERY METHODIST WOMAN A READER."

After the statement by Mrs. Tinsley, Mrs. Sexton urged that all make a real effort to have a fine Week of Prayer programs and to be liberal in the Week of Prayer offering to establish a Chair at Scarritt College honoring our beloved council president, Mrs. J. W. Perry.

On suggestion of Mrs. Frank Hatch a period of silence was observed in honor of Miss Estelle Haskin, beloved editor of "The World Outlook" whose recent passing has greatly grieved the women of Methodism.

Mrs. C. I. Jones, Conference Secretary of Supplies, told of the work of this department for St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans, and MacDonell School at Houma. And now there shall be added to this department of work, work with the lepers at Carville, Peck Hall for colored business girls in New Orleans, and an orphanage for colored children at Baldwin.

Mrs. Sexton made some explanations concerning standing sommittees. On motion of Mrs. Ledbetter, it was voted that the executive committee be given the power to make necessary by-laws for the holding of the Conference in the Spring, and make others to be presented at the first Conference Meeting.

The appointment of Mrs. Guy Hicks, as Chairman of Standing Committees on Spiritual Life was made by Mrs. Sexton.

The matter of the set-up of district organizations was considered and Mrs. Ledbetter advocated that the district work be carried on in the new Society as it has been done in the former Southern Church, carrying on only with the services of the district secretary. Mrs. Hoff and Mrs. Wells expressed the same views on the matter.

On motion of Mrs. Atchley it was voted to carry on the district work as has been done in the former Southern Church with the addition of a second officer if needed.

The report of the committee on nominations for District Secretaries was given by Mrs. Ledbetter who made the following nominations:

Alexandria—Mrs. H. V. Dunford, Winnfield.
Baton Rouge—Mrs. S. J. Fairchild, Baton Rouge.
Lake Charles—Mrs. A. A. Tisdale, Lafayette.
Monroe—Mrs. E. C. Gibson, Monroe.
New Orleans—Mrs. C. C. Hightower, 85 Audubon Boulevard, New Orleans.
Ruston—Mrs. Guy Kinnebrew, Homer.
Shreveport—Mrs. Ira Campbell, Coushatta.

On motion of Mrs. Ledbetter it was voted that the secretaries be elected by acclamation, and was so done. Mrs. C. C. Hightower, of New Orleans, was introduced. Mrs. Sexton announced that a Woman's Night Program would be presented at the Annual Conference Meeting in Baton Rouge in November.

On the suggestion of Mrs. Ledbetter, Mrs. Tinsley agreed to publish a sheet of news concerning this Conference Meeting to be mailed with Week of Prayer Literature in the near future.

The matter of the Year for election of officers was discussed and on motion of Mrs. A. D. George it was voted that 1942 be the election year.

An invitation for the next meeting of the Conference was graciously extended for Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport by their president, Mrs. Sartor, and was unanimously accepted by the Conference.

A letter was read from Mrs. Helen Bourne of Nashville who announced that Mrs. V. F. DeVinny is now the executive secretary of the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation.

The following introductions were made: Mrs. Robert Wynn, Mrs. Lewis Clarke, Mrs. Mark Sayman and others.

Mrs. M. H. Martin expressed the appreciation of the Conference to

the Alexandria women for the splendid entertainment. Mrs. Wells added words of appreciation for the Methodist Protestant women, and the Charter Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Society closed with the benediction by Dr. B. C. Taylor.

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, JR., President
MRS. J. B. POLLARD, Secretary

THE NOEL MEMORIAL CONFERENCE

The FIRST Annual Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service! How our minds fly back to the records of the first Annual Conference of the Foreign Missionary Society in 1879. The first Annual Conference of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society in 1891, and the first Annual Conference of the Woman's Missionary Society in 1911. We wonder as we sit and muse over these historical occasions of other days if they were as delightful, interesting and soul stirring as was the Noel Memorial Conference of 1941.

The Noel Memorial Conference shall never be forgotten by the Missionary women of Louisiana. The gracious hospitality of the Shreveport women, the beautiful flowers that were everywhere about, the exquisite music of Mr. Alvin Voran and Mrs. A. M. Serex, the charming personality and able leadership of the retiring President, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., the helpful messages of Mrs. J. W. Mills, the lovely garden pilgrimage, the beautiful tea at Jubilee Inn, the gaily decorated dining hall and tables and delicious food of the World Federation Dinner and the sweet and abiding presence of our returned missionaries with their inspiring messages, will linger long in our memories and lend their influence to the years ahead.

The year itself is a sad one for Christians as we look out on the broken homes, broken lives, broken hearts of this war torn world—yet thro' it all we catch the vision of the Prince of Peace and we believe the theme of the Conference "Christians United in a broken world" was most appropriate. Christian Unity has never seemed nearer. The words of the hymn seem most meaningful:

"Jesus united by thy grace,
And each to each endeared
With confidence we seek thy face
And know our prayer is heard."

RESOLUTIONS

At the close of this first annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, we can say with the Apostle Peter, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." We face the future with greater faith and courage because we have seen Christian hearts united in the work of bringing God's

Kingdom on earth.

We should like to express in a special way our gratitude to our Conference Leaders, Conference Officers, District Secretaries, Superintendents and Council Workers, who have served us so faithfully and well.

We want to express our thanks to all those who have made this Conference a source of blessing, inspiration, and joy.

First, to Noel Memorial Church, to Dr. and Mrs. Freeman and to Mrs. E. A. Sartor for their cordial hospitality.

Second, to our Conference guests: Mrs. J. W. Mills, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Miss Kate Cooper, Miss Ava Morton, Miss Muriel Day, Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, and Rabbi David Lefkowitz.

Third, to the choir, the soloists and the organists who have furnished such beautiful music for our services.

Fourth, to those who have labored long hours for our entertainment:

(a) Mrs. Marlin W. Drake, general chairman.

(b) Mrs. A. P. Peyton, chairman of arrangements.

(c) Mrs. Fred E. Russ, registration.

(d) Mrs. E. M. Venable, homes.

(e) Mrs. C. B. Grayson, transportation.

(f) Mrs. H. J. Powers, pages.

(g) Mrs. E. M. Higginbotham, flower chairman, for the beautiful flowers used throughout the church.

(h) To those who furnished and arranged the decorations and the program that made the World Federation Dinner such an impressive event.

(i) To all who so graciously shared the hospitality of their homes.

(j) To the Shreveport papers for their publicity.

Fifth, to the ladies of the Highland Baptist Church who served the delicious luncheons.

Sixth, we pray God's blessings upon our former President, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., as she enters a larger field of service and we pledge our loyalty and cooperation to our new President, Mrs. J. B. Pollard, and to all our other officers.

Finally, we leave this Conference with horizons widened and experiences deepened as we prayerfully face the tasks that await us in this coming year.

MRS. HARRY HENDRICK
MRS. C. K. SMITH
MRS. B. C. TAYLOR

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—HELD IN ALEXANDRIA

(At Close of Charter Meeting)

A short executive committee meeting of old and new officers was held on Thursday afternoon immediately after the luncheon hour.

Mrs. Sexton asked all to study the Guide and the minutes of the Women's organizations of the three merging bodies and to note differences in the work.

A discussion of time of the year for Conference and District Meetings was held but no action was taken.

Mrs. Ledbetter announced the South Central Jurisdictional Society would be held in Boston Avenue Church, Tusla, Oklahoma, December 3rd and 4th.

After discussion as to the best time of holding the next executive meeting, it was voted to meet in Baton Rouge at the noon hour on Saturday, November 16th.

After discussion of the special fund of $424.00 now held by the Conference, on motion of Mrs. Ledbetter, it was voted that $200.00 of this be applied to the Week of Prayer offering from the Louisiana Conference.

The meeting was adjourned.

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, JR., President
MRS. J. B. POLLARD, Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD IN BATON ROUGE

(November 16, 1940)

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference met in Baton Rouge on Saturday, November 16, in the private dining room of the Louisiana Hotel. The group was the guests of the Baton Rouge Society, with their president, Mrs. S. J. Fairchild, serving as hostess.

After a delightful luncheon the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.

The devotional message was brought by Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, who centered her thoughts around the Scripture "In the Beginning God". The worship hour was closed with a season of prayer in which all participated.

The roll was called and all answered to their names with the exception of Mrs. Dunford of the Alexandria District.

The afternoon was given over to the reports of officers and discussion of the work.

The following actions were taken:

(1) That Mrs. Thatcher be authorized to purchase stationery for the officers and be responsible for the printing of the new name "Woman's Society of Christian Service, Louisiana Conference."

(2) That the secretaries of Missionary Education, Christian Social Relations and Spiritual Life plan a correlated study for auxiliaries and letters be sent out periodically.

(3) That the quarterly letters of Miss Thelma Stevens be mailed out by the secretary of Chistian Social Relations.

(4) That the matter of changing the Conference depository from First National Bank, Shreveport, to Rayne Bank be deferred for action until the next executive meeting.

(5) That the next executive meeting be held in Lafayette, January 29th - 31st. The election of members to the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Board was held. (See Standing Committees for members.)

The meeting was adjourned.

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, JR., President
MRS. J. B. POLLARD, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MID-YEAR MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Society of Christian Service met in First Methodist Church, Lafayette, January 29th - 31st, 1941.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

The opening session was on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Sexton, the President, presiding. After words of greeting Mrs. Sexton introduced Mrs. Walker McDonald, the newly elected secretary of the Ruston District.

Mrs. Sexton announced that the lovely flowers had been placed in the Committee room by Mr. and Mrs. Demanade in memory of Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, who served as Conference president for many years.

After announcement of general plans for the committee sessions the roll was called. All answered present to their names with the exception of Mrs. H. V. Dunsford and Mrs. Guy Hicks.

The period of meditation and worship was conducted by the president, who suggested that all sit quietly and silently in meditation asking guidance for selves and also Conference workers. This session was closed with prayer by Mrs. Sexton.

A discussion was held on the advisability of holding a Conference Session this Spring. On motion of Mrs. Ira Campbell it was voted to hold the Conference Session this Spring in Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport.

Reports of District Advisory Committees on Deaconess' work were given. Mrs. Gibson reported that Miss Shiela Nuttall's work at Transylvania was progressing well. Mrs. Conger read the minutes of a meeting

held by the Ruston District Advisory Committee in the interest of the work of Miss Fay Kirkpatrick at Springhill which disclosed the fact that this work must have some careful consideration.

Mrs. Laskey read a request from the Ruston Church for a deaconess for student work at Tech, the local Church to provide $800.00 of a $1,200.00 salary.

Mrs. Sexton said that Rev. Carl Lueg, pastor at Natchitoches, had spoken most highly of Miss Mamie J. Chandler's work at the State Normal.

Mrs. Tinsley spoke most highly also of Miss Verna Webster's work at Southwestern, where there are 400 Methodist students.

Mrs. Sexton announced the following committees and stated that the evening hours would be given over to committee meetings.

Deaconess Work—Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Mrs. C. I. Jones, Mrs. Ed Conger, and Mrs. Hugh Hoff.

Conference Plans—Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, Mrs. G. J. Tinsley and Mrs. W. H. Martin.

Organization and Cultivation—Mrs. J. H. Thatcher and District Secretaries.

By-Laws—Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Mrs. J. J. McKeithen and Mrs. Glenn Laskey.

Finance—Mrs. C. C. Carver, Mrs. W. H. Martin and Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.

A letter was read by the Secretary from Mrs. Paul Arrington, president of the Mississippi Conference, concerning Gulfside Assembly for Negroes located at Waveland. After much discussion, on motion of Mrs. Pomeroy, it was voted that a letter be sent to Mrs. Mills asking that Gulfside Assembly at Waveland, Mississippi, be considered as one of the beneficiaries in the Week of Prayer offering, if it is a legitimate claim.

The meeting was adjourned for the supper hour and a delicious gumbo supper was served by the women of the Lafayette Auxiliary. The table was a "thing of beauty" never to be forgotten, laid with a great abundance of japonicas and camillias.

Thursday Morning Session

The Thursday morning session opened with Mrs. Ed Conger leading the devotional hour. She read verses from the 11th chapter of Hebrews and spoke on "The Fruits of Faith".

The minutes of the previous session were read by the secretary, and after necessary corrections, were adopted.

The order of business for the morning session was reports of Sessions Committees.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by Mrs. Carver and the following recommendations were read, fully discussed and adopted.

Recommendations of Finance Committee

We, the Finance Committee, recommend that we accept the recommendations adopted at the Jurisdictional Conference:

1. That each Conference Society remit to the Jurisdictional Treasurer .03¢ per member per year for Jurisdictional Cultivation (membership based on previous year's enrollment). This fund is to be used for cultivation in the Jurisdiction.

2. That the Conference be asked to remit this fund quarterly to the Jurisdictional Treasurer.

3. That each Conference Treasurer remit to the Treasurer of the Woman's Division one-fourth of one cent per member yearly to pay the expense of Board members to Jurisdictional meetings.

4. That .03c per mile be allowed Conference Officers for expense of cars used to attend meetings authorized by the Executive Committee.

5. That we approve the pledge made to Woman's Division of Christian Service of $30,000.00.

The recommendations from the Committee on by-laws were read by Mrs. Laskey. After careful consideration a number of by-laws were approved for recommendation to the Conference, as follows:

By-Laws Recommended for Louisiana Conference

1. Officers shall be elected quadrennialy for a term of four years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office, with the exception of the treasurer, who may continue for a longer period of time.

2. When vacancies among officers, District secretaries, or standing committees occur during the year, they shall be filled by the administrative committee, with radification of the executive committee, until the next annual session of the conference when the office shall be filled by election.

3. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the president and the recording secretary.

4. The Treasurer may disburse without order from President and Corresponding Secretary the quarterly expense money for all officers and District Secretaries. She shall send quarterly itemized statements to the corresponding secretary, president and district secretaries.

5. Districts may be divided into zones according to their size. A leader for each zone shall be appointed by the District Secretary, subject to the approval of the corresponding secretary. The zone leaders shall hold meetings quarterly in their zones. A collection may be taken at each meeting. After the expense of the meeting is paid the leader shall send the remainder to the Conference Treasurer, stating the amount and from what zone.

6. Thirty-five cents per member shall be set aside by the Treasurer for a cultivation fund, membership to be based on enrollment December 31st of preceding year. Expense of officers, speakers at annual meetings, expenses of executive meetings, expense of delegates to Jurisdictional meetings, expenses for promotion and educational funds, shall be paid from this cultivation fund. All money in the fund at the end of fiscal

year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the Conference work shall revert to the general fund.

7. Each local society shall include in its budget for Jurisdictional and Conference Cultivation, and for the purchase of literature, an amount equal to ten cents per member.

8. At each annual and district meeting public collections shall be taken for the Conference Work, and amounts forwarded to the Conference Treasurer. The district secretary may deduct any necessary expense of meeting before remitting to the treasurer.

9. A half-hour of each forenoon during the Annual Meeting of the Conference shall be devoted to worship.

10. There shall be a standing committee on constitution and by-laws consisting of three members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any overlapping, conflicting, unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use under proper heading in the annual report, a copy of the standing rules and rules of order. The Chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

11. There shall be a standing committee on Finance. It shall be the duty of this committee to study the financial needs of the Conference and plan ways to raise money to meet these needs. It shall make an annual report to the Conference Society of its work. The Chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

12. All proposed changes to the by-laws shall be sent to the committee on constitution and by-laws 30 days before the annual meeting of the conference, and typed copies shall be made for distribution to the delegates.

13. There shall be a missionary personnel committee composed of the president, corresponding secretary, secretary of student work, secretary of Girls' and Young Women's work. It shall be the duty of this committee to interview those interested in preparing for definite Christian service.

14. There shall be an advisory committee in each District with the following personnel. The District Secretary, who shall be chairman, the District Superintendent, Conference officers within the district, the pastor in charge of the local Church, the Presidents of each society in the charge in which work is undertaken. This committee shall meet quarterly, at which time the worker employed by the Conference shall make a report. Written reports shall be submitted monthly to the District Secretary, Conference President, and Corresponding Secretary.

15. The District Advisory Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee of the Conference the advisability of continuing each worker in the District.

16. There shall be an Administrative Committee composed of the President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and officers residing in the District involved in matters of administration. This committee shall have power to serve as an ad interim Committee.

17. There shall be a research committee consisting of seven members,

preferably one from each District. It shall be the duty of this committee to keep informed as to the type of women needed for places of leadership in the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, to seek constantly throughout the Church for women who are consecrated, trained and available for such places of service. It shall furnish this information to the Conference when the occasion demands.

18. Any member of the Woman's Division, and any Jurisdictional officers residing in this Conference shall be members of the Executive Committee.

As the time for adjournment had arrived the report of this committee was laid aside to be resumed at a later session.

The meeting was adjourned.

Thusday Luncheon

The members of the Executive Committee were again the guests of the Lafayette Auxiliary at a bountifully laden table of delicious food and gorgeous flowers. At each place was a lovely corsage of japonicas for each guest. Surely Lafayette, a city noted for its hospitality, its exquisite camillias and japonicas and its delicious French cooking will never be forgotten by the executive body.

Thursday Afternoon Session

The Thursday afternoon session was in the form of an open meeting for the women of the Lake Charles District and at the appointed hour for the meeting the Church was filled with the missionary women from all over the District.

Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., president, presided, and stated that the purpose of the meeting was for the women of the district to become better acquainted with the Conference officers and to discuss informally the new program of work.

Mrs. Dameron was the leader of the worship period and the hymn "Lord Speak To Me" was sung. Mrs. Dameron centered her thoughts for the meditation around Bishop Cushman's book, "I Have a Stewardship".

The Lafayette Church choir directed by Mrs. Eloi Girard sang an anthem of praise and thanksgiving.

The worship period was closed with prayer by Deaconess Verna Webster.

Mrs. Sexton, in her opening remarks, stated that this has been a year of merging, of new ways, new methods, and was most encouraging by saying "that there is now a trend toward spiritual things, a trend toward the Church and toward the teachings of Christ."

The president then proceeded to introduce the officers who in turn made brief remarks concerning their work.

Highlights of talks by officers:

Mrs. McKeithen, Vice-President—"I have a stewardship entrusted to me. I ask your patience and your prayers."

Mrs. Thatcher, Organizational Secretary—"The Louisiana Conference Society of Christian Service has 273 charter societies and 10,701 charter members."

Mrs. Pollard, recording secretary—Stressed the importance of keeping accurate records.

Mrs. Pomeroy, secretary of Student Work—"The main objective of this work is 'to interpret the student to the Church and to interpret the Church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service to the student.' "

Mrs. Carver, Treasurer—"Not only the Conference overpaid its 1940 pledge by $500.00 but also each district overpaid its pledge."

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Secretary of Young Women and Girls—"This work is still in the formative stage—be patient, they are working it out."

Mrs. Conger, Secretary of Children's Work—"Mrs. Van Hoosier will soon take office and the new plans will be forthcoming."

Mrs. Metcalf, Secretary of Social Relations and Local Church Activities—"The new handbooks for Christian Social Relations are out. Order one now and choose the projects you can best do."

Mrs. Hugh Hoff, Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild—"The Wesleyan Service Guild is the only denominational organization of business and professional women in existence."

Mrs. Tinsley, Secretary of Literature and Publications—"Our goal, The Methodist Woman and The World Outlook in every home in the Conference."

Mrs. C. I. Jones, Secretary of Supplies—"Supply work is making Christianity practical. Send supplies to MacDonell School, St. Mark's Community Center, Sager Brown Orphanage at Baldwin and Peck Hall in New Orleans."

At the close of the talks by the officers the following introductions were made:

Mrs. S. J. Fairchild, Baton Rouge District; Mrs. E. C. Gibson, Monroe District; Mrs. C. C. Hightower, New Orleans District; Mrs. Walker McDonald, Ruston District; Mrs. Ira Campbell, Shreveport District; Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, Woman's Division of Christian Service; and Mrs. W. H. Martin, formerly Vice-President of the Conference. Mrs. Martin displayed the Life Membership Roll Book of the Conference and stated the book contains the names of 1086 life members in the Louisiana Conference.

Mrs. Ira Campbell expressed the thanks and gratitude of the executive committee for the hospitality and for the many courtesies of the Lafayette women.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Ledbetter.

Late Thursday Afternoon Meeting

At 4:45 P. M. Mrs. Sexton again called the executive committee together for a brief session. Rev. Virgil Morris, pastor-host, came before the body and brought his plans for the World Service Rallies which will be held in each District of the Conference soon. He stated that Dr. Carlos P. Hargraves will be the General Board Representative to these rallies. He requested the executive body to arrange for a woman speaker for each rally and the following schedule was arranged:

February 18th—Hammond at 9:30 A. M.—Mrs. Sexton.
February 18th—Baton Rouge 7:30 P. M.—Mrs. Fairchild.
February 19th—Lafayette 9:30 A. M.—Mrs. Tinsley.
February 19th—Lake Charles 7:30 P. M.—Mrs. Tinsley.
February 20th—Leesville 9:30 A. M.—Mrs. Pollard.
February 21st—Monroe 9:30 A. M.—Mrs. Gibson.
February 24th—Ruston 9:30 A. M.—Mrs. Ledbetter.
February 25th—Shreveport 9:30 A. M.—Mrs. Ledbetter.
Ferbuary 26th—Alexandria 9:30 A. M.—Mrs. Dunford.
February 27th—New Orleans 7:30 at St. Marks'—Mrs. Sexton.
February 28th—Houma 9:30 A. M.—Mrs. Sexton.

The report of the Committee on by-laws was taken up and a few by-laws were read, discussed, amended and approved. (See Report of By-Laws Committee.)

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Gibson.

Six O'Clock Dinner at Crowley

A surprise feature of the executive meeting was a courtesy dinner to the Conference Officers by the officers of the Crowley auxiliary. This lovely occasion took place in the parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. Pomeroy. A beautifully appointed dinner was served at small tables and again a profusion of lovely flowers were everywhere in evidence. This proved to be a real festive occasion.

Thursday Night Session

The Thursday night session took place in the Crowley parsonage with Mrs. Sexton, the President, presiding.

Committee reports were the order of business. Mrs. Thatcher read the report of the committee on Organization and Promotion and the following recommendations were adopted:

Recommendations of Committee on Organization and Promotion

The District Secretaries in committee with Conference Corresponding Secretary offer the following recommendations for promotion of work:

1. That as much of the cultivation work as possible be carried on by the Zone leaders.

2. That Zone leaders be placed upon the Literature Mailing List, also upon mailing list of Conference Officers.
3. That a District Meeting be held as soon as possible following the Annual Conference; that a Study Leaders Institute, also Officers Training Day be held in each District with any two of the above meetings substituted for Zone Meetings if so desired.

Signed,

MRS. J. H. THATCHER
MRS. IRA CAMPBELL

The following recommendations of the Committee on Deaconess Work were read by Mrs. Hoff, discussed, amended and adopted:

REPORT OF DEACONESS WORK COMMITTEE

I. DEACONESS AT RUSTON.

We recommend that a worker be placed at Ruston on the following basis:

The Ruston Church paying $800.00 of the salary, as per agreement; The Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service supplementing said salary by $400.00.

II. DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

We recommend:

(a) That an Advisory Committee be set up in each District with the following personnel:
The District Secretary, Chairman; District Superintendent; Conference officers within the district; pastor in charge of the local church; the President of the Woman's Society of each church in the Charge where work is undertaken.

(b) That a meeting of said Advisory Committee be held quarterly; that workers report to said Committee on appointment and at each quarterly meeting thereafter.

(c) That each worker submit a written monthly report to the Chairman of said committee; copies of said report to be sent to the Conference President, Corresponding Secretary, and the District Superintendent.

(d) That the District Advisory Committee make recommendation to the Executive Committee of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service as to the advisability of continuing each worker within the District.

III. SPRINGHILL WORK.

(a) We recommend that the Conference President and District Advisory Commitee confer with the Springhill women concerning the location of Miss Kirkpatrick, and take such acton as is deemed necessary. In the event room and board cannot be provided for the said worker by the Springhill

Church, we recommend that the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service supplement the salary by $10.00 per month.

(b) We further recommend that the District Advisory Committee plan to use Miss Kirkpatrick throughout the District during the summer months.

IV. CONFERENCE WORKERS.

We recommend that the Conference continue to employ two workers for rural work and three for student work.

Signed:

MILDRED HOFF, Secretary.

Committee on Deaconess Work:

MRS. J. B. POLLARD, Chairman
MRS. C. I. JONES
MRS. ED CONGER
MRS. HUGH HOFF

The By-Laws Committee presented additional by-laws which were read by Mrs. Laskey. They were discussed, amended and approved. The complete report of the By-Laws Committee will be found on page 2 of these minutes.

Rules of Order found on page 83 of the 1940 Minutes were read and approved without change.

The following Standing Rules of the Conference were read, discussed and approved:

STANDING RULES FOR ADULT SOCIETY

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the Conference Treasurer and District Secretary.
2. In order that the Society entertaining the Annual Conference may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, a luncheon shall be served by an outside agency, at a price not to exceed 50c per plate.
3. In case any society is not sending a member as delegate to the Annual Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, that Society may elect its Zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.
4. One fourth of the membership of the Society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.
5. The president of the Society shall be responsible for the calling of an Executive Meeting the last of each quarter, at which time the reports should be made out and mailed to the Conference Officers.
6. Each Society Corresponding Secretary shall send the total amount pledged to the District Secretary not later than February 15th, and the Memorial Roll not later than March 10th.
7. Representation at Annual Meetings shall be one delegate for each

one hundred members or fraction thereof. This entitles each society, however small, to one delegate.

8. Societies having the circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least once every two years.

RULES FOR DELEGATES

1. (See Revision, recommendations for Conference, Mrs. Tinsley's report.)

Respectfully submitted:

MRS. WILTZ LEDBETTER, Chairman
MRS. GLENN LASKEY, Secretary
MRS. G. W. POMEROY
MRS. J. J. McKEITHEN

The Committee on Conference Plans made the following recommendations which were discussed and adopted:

1. That the dates and place of the Annual Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service be April 29-30 and May 1, 1941, at the Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.
2. That Conference open on Tuesday afternoon for a brief session and that sessions committees be held that same afternoon, following the opening session.
3. That the following sessions committees be held:
   a. Education, including
      Secretaries of
      1. Literature and Publications
      2. Missionary Education and Service
      3. Children's Work
   b. Cultivation, including
      Secretaries of
      1. Young Women's and Girls' Work
      2. Student Work
      3. Wesleyan Service Guild
   c. Spiritual Life.
   d. Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.
   e. Supplies and Finance, including
      Secretaries of
      1. Supplies
      2. Deaconesses
      3. Treasurers
   f. Organization, including
      District Secretaries
      Zone Leaders
4. That Committees be named in the Conference call; that membership on committees be determined by division of delegates' registration cards; that delegates be informed before Conference of their appointment on committees in order that advance study for the work of the committee may be made.

5. That one of the following persons be invited as Conference guests:
   Mrs. J. W. Mills
   Mrs. J. D. Bragg
   Mrs. E. C. Hansen
   and a returned Missionary.
6. That a special invitation be given Miss Ava Morton to attend Conference, and that she be given some time on the program.
7. That the following special features be considered:
   a. Fellowship Dinner on opening evening of the Conference.
   b. Garden tour and tea on Wednesday afternoon.
   c. Special Missionary speaker, flag demonstration and pageant (if practical)
8. That Conference be concluded with Friday morning session.

The matter of contributing funds to Camp Brewer was considered. After much discussion, Mrs. Metcalf moved that $280.00 be given Camp Brewer for the building and equipping a cabin. Mrs. Jones moved to amend by adding to postpone action on this until the executive committee meeting at Conference. The amendment was carried. The motion as amended was adopted.

The meeting was adjourned.

Friday Morning Session

The Executive Committee met promptly at 9:00 o'clock for its closing session. Prayer was lead by Mrs. McKeithen.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read by the secretary and adopted.

The matter of personnel of standing committees was considered and a number of changes were suggested.

The following were approved as members of committee on By-laws: Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, Chairman; Mrs. S. M. Collins, Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Mrs. C. C. Hightower, and Mrs. Hugh Hoff.

The following were elected as members of the Research Committee: Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, Mrs. Gilman McConnell, Mrs. Ed Conger, Mrs. J. W. Warren, Mrs. R. E. Smith, Mrs. F. W. Raggio, and Mrs. S. M. Collins.

Mrs. Hoff spoke concerning the budget of the Wesleyan Service Guild and stressed work with migrants. On motion of Mrs. Pollard the following recommendation to the Wesleyan Service Guild was adopted: "That new Wesleyan Service Guild Mission money be directed to migrant work at Hammond and to Scarritt scholarships."

A request from Mrs. Hicks that report blanks be mimeographed and sent to auxiliary spiritual life leaders was granted.

Mrs. Jones requested that all devotional books in the hands of Conference Officers and district secretaries be sent in at once.

The editor of the Advocate page was discussed. On motion of Mrs. Dameron it was voted that the work of editing the Advocate page be placed under the direction of the Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. W. H. Martin.

At the close of the last business session the Executive Committee was invited to a morning coffee at the lovely new home of Mrs. G. J. Tinsley. While enjoying a social hour Mrs. Sexton called the meeting to order and the following were nominated and elected: District Secretary of the Lake Charles District, Mrs. G. J. Tinsley; Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr. Dr. Marie Tisdale was appointed by the president to assist Mrs. Davidson in the editing of the Advocate page.

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, Jr., President
MRS. J. B. POLLARD, Recording Secretary

THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT CADDO HOTEL SHREVEPORT

The Executive Committee was called to order at 10:30 Tuesday, April 29th at the Caddo Hotel, Shreveport, by the president, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.

Mrs. Sexton read verses from the first chapter of Philippians, and Miss Kate Cooper, returned Missionary from Korea, lead the prayer.

The roll was called and all found present with the exception of Mrs. G. J. Tinsley.

Mrs. Sexton made some explanation of the Conference Program for the full days ahead.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee to plan itinerary for Miss Cooper through this Conference: Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Pomeroy and district secretaries.

Courtesies and Announcements: Mrs. Fred Russ, Mrs. Marlin Drake, and Mrs. Ira Campbell.

Committee on Minutes: Mrs. Ben Atchley, Mrs. George Tigner and Mrs. S. L. Cole.

Resolutions: Mrs. Harry Hendricks, Mrs. C. K. Smith and Mrs. B. C. Taylor.

Counting Tellers: Mrs. J. M. Shanahan, Mrs. Jno. Welsh, Mrs. W. F. Manning and Mrs. Salmon Wright.

Distributing and Collecting Tellers: Mrs. Mark Craig, Mrs. Frank Keane, Jr., Mrs. Dike Stringer and Mrs. John Michaud.

Discussion of National Assembly and its voting membership followed. Mrs. Ledbetter told of plans for this particular year for a combined meeting

of Board of Missions, the Assembly and the Missionary Council to be held in St. Louis the first week in December.

After a discussion of district delegates to Assembly, on motion of Mrs. Thatcher it was voted that the election of District delegates take place in the District Meetings.

On motion of Mrs. Pollard, it was voted that the matter of financing the district delegates to the Assembly be referred to the finance committee and two women from the Executive Body. Mrs. Metcalf and Mrs. Laskey were named to serve with the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Hoff presented the matter of the Wesleyan Service Guild money and after due consideration, on motion of Mrs. Jones it was voted that the recommendations from the Woman's Division directing Wesleyan Service Guild funds be presented to the Conference.

After discussion of Scarritt Maintenance fund, it was voted that the Conference treasurer prepare a statement explaining the difference in Scarritt support and send to all auxiliary treasurers.

Mrs. Mills, Vice-President of the Woman's Division, was a visitor and was introduced to the executive body.

Mrs. Sexton asked that the committee come immediately after the Wednesday night session for the next executive meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and the executive body was escorted to the hotel dining room by Mrs. E. A. Sartor, president, and other officers of the Noel Memorial Society, where a beautifully appointed luncheon was the courtesy of the Noel Society.

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, Jr., President
MRS. JOHN B. POLLARD, Secretary

EXECUTIVE MEETING—Wednesday Night
(Noel Memorial Church)

Following the Wednesday night service, the executive committee was called to order by the president.

Discussion followed as to a sixth delegate and alternates to the Jurisdictional Society.

On motion of Mrs. Jones it was voted that two alternates be elected and that the first alternate be the sixth delegate if the executive committee feels that it is wise to complete the Louisiana delegation.

The meeting was adjourned.

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, Jr., President
MRS. JOHN B. POLLARD, Secretary

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE SESSIONS

NOEL MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

April 29, 30, and May 1, 1941

Tuesday Afternoon Session

At two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, April 29, The First Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was called to order by the president, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.

The hymn, "In Christ There is No East or West", was sung and at its close the opening prayer was led by Mrs. Ira Campbell.

Mrs. Sexton spoke words of greeting and introduced Dr. and Mrs. Freeman, Pastor-host and wife and Mrs. E. A. Sartor, president of the hostess society.

The organization of the Conference took place and the bar was set and delegates were seated according to their districts.

The report of the Conference Recording Secretary was given and the Special Committees were announced by the secretary.

Mrs. Fred Russ, Chairman of Registration Committee, reported that the registrations were very incomplete at this time.

The vice-president of the Conference being ill, Mrs. Ira Campbell, secretary of the Shreveport District, presented the president, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., who at this time gave the President's message. She reviewed the events of the past year and stated that for the first time in history Methodist women are united in one organization. (See Minutes.)

The report of the Treasurer was made by Mrs. C. C. Carver, which showed that the Conference pledge had been paid in full. (See minutes for report.)

The letter from the auditor was read by the secretary. (See minutes.)

Mrs. Fred Russ, Chairman of Courtesies Committee, read the names of visiting preachers and welcomed them to the Conference sessions.

Mrs. Marlin Drake, General Chairman of Entertainment, made announcements and announced rooms for sessions of committee meetings.

Mrs. Sexton introduced a number of young women who were serving as pages, and the meeting was adjourned for commitee meetings.

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, Jr., President
MRS. JOHN B. POLLARD, Secretary

WORLD FEDERATION DINNER

One of the most interesting features of the Noel Memorial Conference was the World Federation Dinner served in the spacious dining hall of the Church on Tuesday night. Truly, all nations of the world were represented in the room and table decorations. Seated at the speakers table with the President were Dr. and Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. J. W. Mills

and Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter of the Woman's Division, and Mrs. E. A. Sartor, president of Noel Memorial Society.

After a delicious dinner was served, Mrs. Sexton introduced the Conference Officers and District Secretaries and a number of distinguished visitors. Mrs. Sartor, in a most gracious manner, welcomed the Conference to Noel Memorial Church.

The surprise feature was the presentation of a life patron membership to Mrs. Sexton by Mrs. Ledbetter, who stated that this was given by the Conference in tribute to the loving services of Mrs. Sexton who has served as president of the Conference for the past nine years and now retiring. Mrs. Sexton responded most graciously and feelingly.

Songs of all nations were led by Mr. Voran, which closed this delightful occasion which will linger long in the memories of all present.

Tuesday Night Session

The Tuesday night session was opened with the singing of the hymn "Lead On, Oh King Eternal."

The Scripture and Prayer were given by the pastor-host, Dr. F. M. Freeman. An anthem, "I Only Know," was beautifully rendered by the Noel Memorial Choir.

Mrs. J. W. Mills, speaker of the evening, spoke on the organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and stressed increasing our money, our membership, our missionary education and spiritual life work.

At the close of her address a most enlightening missionary demonstration entitled "The Living Answer" was presented by Shreveport women assisted by deaconesses and Missionaries. As the various phases of work throughout the world was presented, Mrs. G. W. Dameron served as reader.

The session was dismissed with the benediction by Dr. Freeman.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING

An early morning worship hour was held in the Sexton Memorial Chapel at First Church. The call to worship was given by Deaconess Grace Gatewood, leader, and the meditation "Lord Teach Us to Pray" was given by Dr. Dana Dawson.

Morning Session

The morning session of the second day of the Conference was called to order by the President, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr. The hymn "Oh Young and Fearless Prophet" was sung, the meditation was given by Dr. Freeman, who centered his thoughts around the words "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done, on Earth as it is in Heaven." Prayer followed by Dr. Freeman.

The minutes of the Executive Committee held on Tuesday morning were read by the secretary and approved.

The report of the Vice-President, Mrs. J. J. McKeithen was heard at this time. She spoke on the subject of money and stated that "money is the golden channel thro' which the Gospel flows to the uttermost parts of the earth." (See Minutes of Report.)

The hour had arrived for "Christian Service in the District" and Mrs. J. H. Thatcher and district secretaries were presented.

Mrs. Thatcher, Secretary of Organization and Promotion, gave a report of the work of the Conference and stated there were 10,701 charter members and 275 charter societies. (See Minutes of Report.)

Mrs. H. V. Dunford reported for the Alexandria District and said two words summarized the work of this district—"greater unity." (See Minutes for Report."

Mrs. Fairchild reporting for the Baton Rouge District stated they had overpaid their pledge $450.00 and had presented MacDonell School with washing machines. (See Minutes for Report.)

The work of the Monroe District was given by Mrs. E. C. Gibson. The outstanding work of the district had been in Christian Social Relations work and in the number of societies observing the Week of Prayer. (See Minutes for Report.)

Mrs. G. J. Tinsley, district secretary of the Lake Charles District, being absent, the report of the District went to the records without reading. (See Minutes for Report.)

Mrs. C. C. Hightower in reporting for the New Orleans District stated that every society in her district had observed the Week of Prayer and each one had reported the last quarter. (See Minutes for Report.)

The work of the Ruston District was given by Mrs. Walker McDonald, who said that this district had increased its membership by 787, and that $500.00 more had been paid in 1st quarter of 1940 than at first quarter of 1941. (See Minutes for Report.)

Mrs. Ira Campbell reported for the Shreveport District and stated that their pledge of $7800.00 had been overpaid. She stressed the splendid work done in spiritual life groups and in life memberships. (See Minutes for Report.)

Recommendations from Committee on Organizations were read, discussed and adopted. (See Minutes.)

An interesting hour of the work of our Louisiana Institutions was presented under the title "Unto the Least of These."

Miss Julia Southard, head resident of St. Mark's, reported that 17 nationalities are represented in the work of this institution and spoke of the fine work done in the clinic. (See Minutes for Report.)

Miss Eva M. Callaway, Superintendent of Sager-Brown Home, told of this Orphanage and School for Negro children located at Baldwin. (See Minutes for Report.)

Miss Vivian Unruh, teacher at this institution was introduced.

The Conference had an unexpected and unusual privilege in having

as its guest Miss Muriel Day, of New York, who is the executive secretary of the Bureau of Educational institutions of the Woman's Division. She was introduced at this time and spoke briefly of her work with educational institutions and stated she was enjoying particularly visiting the Institutions of the former Southern Church.

The hour of "Unto the Least of These" was resumed and Miss Ella Hooper told of the work of the MacDonell French Mission School. (See Minutes for Report.) Three little MacDonell scholarship girls in Evangeline costume expressed their love and appreciation to the women of Louisiana in a message of song. Miss Hooper stated that training Christian leaders is the main objective of their work with the children.

The reports of officers was continued from the Tuesday afternoon session and Mrs. Ed Conger reported on "Children's Work." She said, "I bring you greetings from the hope of our world, our children, whose task will be to rebuild a war torn world. (See Minutes for Report.)

Mrs. Dameron, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, reported 241 mission study classes with 5079 members and 168 Bible Study classes with 3729 members. (See Minutes for Report.)

Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., secretary of Literature and Publications was not present, but sent her report which went to the record without reading. (See Minutes for Report.)

The World Outlook Cup was presented to the Shreveport District for having largest number of subscribers. This is the third time the Shreveport District has attained this honor.

Recommendations of the Committee on Education were read, discussed and adopted. (See Minutes.)

The noon-day devotional hour had arrived and was opened with a solo, "The Ninety-first Psalm" by Mrs. A. M. Serex.

The address "Stars in the Blackout of Eastern Civilization" was given by Miss Kate Cooper, for 32 years a missionary to Korea. She told of the blackouts of poverty, religion, ignorance, fear and annexation and of the stars which were Bible women, Ewha College, Dr. Helen Kim, preachers of the gospel and the mountain places of prayer and refuge for Christian people.

The morning session was closed with prayer by Miss Cooper.

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, Jr., President
MRS. JOHN B. POLLARD, Secretary

Wednesday Afternoon

After a delightful luncheon at the Highland Baptist Church the Wednesday afternoon session was opened by singing the hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory."

Miss Elizabeth Covington was the leader of worship and brought a most helpful message on "Prayer."

A fraternal message from the Central Jurisdiction of Negro women was brought by Mrs. Irma Jackson who used for her subject "We Dare To Completely Serve."

The report of the Research Committee was heard and the following names were presented for the office of president: Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Mrs. J. B. Pollard, and Mrs. E. A. Startor. Mrs. Sartor asked for the privilege of withdrawing her name which was granted.

The ballots were cast and collected and the tellers retired to count the vote.

Officer's reports were again resumed and Mrs. D. C. Metcalf reported on the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. She said "interest in the work of this department has steadily increased and the reports show a greatly improved type of work being done." (See Minutes for Report.)

The tellers interrupted the program to make a report of the first ballot. Mrs. Dameron, 57; Mrs. Laskey, 28; Mrs. Pollard, 64. As a majority was not reached a second ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

Recommendations of the Committee on Christian Social Relations were read, discussed and adopted. (See Minutes.)

An address "Democracy In A Changing World" was given by Rabbi David Lefkowitz, who was introduced by Mrs. Metcalf. A few high-lights of his address: Today we have seen the rebirth of hatred and brutality as never before—Dictatorships maintain their power by striking fear unto the people. When democracy reigns supreme, every race's rights are respected. We must back great democratic ideals. Democracy will not survive unless we keep it true to the ideals of the men who gave us liberty. We must so live as to merit our great American heritage. Then Christian and Jew, black and white may live together in everlasting harmony.

The result of the second ballot was announced as follows: Mrs. Dameron, 63; Mrs. Laskey, 2; Mrs. Pollard, 88. Mrs. Sexton announced the election of Mrs. Pollard and presented her as the new president to the Conference.

Mrs. Marlin Drake announced the garden pilgrimage and the tea to follow at Jubilee Inn, which was a courtesy of the City Mission Board.

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, Jr., President
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Wednesday Night

The session opened with the singing of the hymn "The Church's One Foundation." Scripture and prayer were given by Dr. A. M. Serex. The anthem "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" was sung by the Noel Memorial Choir.

The speaker of the evening was Bishop Ivan Lee Holt who ably

discussed the subject "Building A Christian World". He said three efforts have been made to build a universal fellowship—political, economic and racial. But the only organization that can build a universal fellowship is the Church. We are living in one of the most significant periods in the history of the Church. God has initiated a new process and that is the process of union. Protestant bodies are uniting. The whole thought of the Madras Conference was toward Christian Unity. Christians today have a chance to build a Universal Church. It's a great day—whether persecution awaits us or a chance to make a better world.

The Bishop's address was followed by Holy Communion which was conducted by Dr. F. M. Freeman assisted by visiting pastors.

The congregation was dismissed with the Communion prayer.

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, Jr., President
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Thursday Morning Session

The morning session was opened with a beautiful Worship and Memorial Service which was led by Mrs. C. I. Jones. A lighted cross, the symbol of redemptive love and God's promise of everlasting life was the background. Two young women dressed in white placed lilies in the baskets on either side of the altar as the District Secretaries read the names of those who had passed on during the year. Appropriate Scripture was read by Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Serex sang "Open the Gates of the Temple" which concluded the service.

Reports of officers were resumed and Mrs. Glenn Laskey reported on the work of Young Women and Girls. She stated that she felt like the pioneer women who worked without charts or guides—but said, with courage we will go on. (See Minutes for Report.)

Mrs. Hugh Hoff, Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, gave an interesting report of this work and told of the Wesleyan Service Guild Dinner held during the Conference with Miss Muriel Day as guest. (See Minutes for Report.)

The Student Work report was made by Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, who stated that in this work we have an opportunity to share with students around the world. (See Minutes for Report.)

The recommendations of the Cultivation Committee were read, discussed and adopted.

The next feature was reports of Student Counselors. Mrs. Pomeroy told of Miss Verna Webster's work at Southwestern where many and varied interests were being carried out.

Miss Mamiej Chandler reported her work at the State Normal and stated she was endeavoring to keep up a religious interest among the students. She told of the room she has arranged for a gathering place for students.

Mrs. Sexton introduced Miss Chandler as the chairman of the Annual Conference Deaconess Board. Miss Chandler spoke briefly of the work of this board.

The report of the Research Committee was heard and the following names were presented for the office of recording secretary: Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Mrs. Fred Russ, Mrs. Lee Tidwell and Mrs. Ira Campbell. Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Russ withdrew their names. The ballott was taken and the tellers retired to count the votes.

The following recommendations from the Executive Committee were read, discussed and adopted:

(1.) That the election of district delegates as voting members of the National Assembly be held in the District Meetings.

(2.) That 2 alternates to the Jurisdictional Society be elected and that the first alternate be the delegate if the executive body feels that it is wise to have a complete delegation of six members.

The tellers reported on the ballot which showed that Mrs. Laskey had received a majority vote and was elected recording secretary.

Mrs. Sexton announced the ballot would be taken for the alternates to the Jurisdictional Society.

Before taking the ballot, it was agreed that the two receiving the highest number of votes would be elected, not demanding a majority vote. The following were nominated from the floor: Mrs. Ira Campbell, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Mrs. D. C. Metcalf and Mrs. E. C. Gibson. The ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

Miss Kate Cooper representing Scarritt Colllege gave a brief history of Scarritt told of the urgent need of Scarritt Associates.

The report of the tellers showed that Mrs. D. C. Metcalf had received highest number of votes and was elected first alternate, and that Mrs. G. W. Dameron had received second highest vote and was elected second alternate.

Mrs. C. I. Jones, Secretary of Supplies, reported that $1,273.38 had been sent to St. Mark's from the Supply Department and $2,826.00 to MacDonell School. $700.00 had been sent to MacDonell for laundry equipment. (See Minutes for Report.)

The recommendations of the Committee on Supplies and Finance were read, discussed and adopted.

The Research Committee presented the names of Mrs. Percy Lambert and Mrs. E. A. Sartor for Secretary of Young Women's and Girls' work. The ballot was taken and the tellers retired to count the vote.

Mrs. R. E. Smith presented Mrs. Guy Hicks' report on Spiritual Life Work. (See Minutes for Report.). A prayer was offered for Mrs. Hicks' speedy recovery and a message of love and sympathy was authorized to be sent her. Mrs. Smith closed the report with the poem "Stir me awake God, new days are here."

The tellers reported that Mrs. E. A. Sartor had received a majority

vote and was elected Secretary of Young Women's and Girls' Work.

An interesting hour was headed "Information Please", which was a question and answer discussion of the work, which was led by Mrs. J. W. Mills and Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter.

The time had arrived for the noon day devotional and Mr. Alvin C. Voran sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Miss Ava Morton, returned Missionary from China, spoke on her work as superintendent of the Nurses' Training School. Miss Morton is a graduate nurse and was dressed in her uniform. A few high lights from her talk: As Church people of China have fled from Japanese they have spread Christianity. The Churches are crowded—no standing room and there is a worshipful reverence. Serving China during the war has been our greatest privilege. No need of feeling discouraged about Missionary work in China. Training Chinese girls as nurses has been a real privilege.

The morning session was closed with prayer by Miss Morton.

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, Jr., President
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Thursday Afternoon Session

"A Charge To Keep I Have" was the opening hymn of the afternoon Session.

The worship period was led by Mrs. H. B. Wren.

Mrs. Ben Atchley, Chairman of Committee on Minutes, reported that the committee had heard the reading of the minutes of all sessions and they had been approved as read.

Reports of Rural workers were given. Miss Sheila Nuttall reported that the most interesting development in her work has been the organization of the Transylvania Church. (See Minutes for Report.)

Miss Faye Kirkpatrick spoke briefly of her work at Springhill. (See Minutes for Report.)

Mrs. Bodie, of Morgan City, was introduced as one who had attended out of 23 Conferences.

Reports of Standing Committees were heard. Mrs. Sexton, chairman of Personnel Committee, reported. (See Minutes for Report.)

The report of the Committee on By-laws was read by Mrs. Ledbetter and after discussion the by-laws were adopted. (See Minutes—Department of Laws.)

The nominating committee for district secretaries presented the name of Mrs. T. D. Chapman for District Secretary of the Alexandria District to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. H. V. Dunford.

Mrs. Chapman was elected by acclamation and was presented to the Conference.

A resolution from the Foster-Gatewood Class was read by Mrs. Harry Hendrick, Chairman of Resolutions Committee. This resolution was endorsed.

The Indian Work in Southern Louisiana was presented by Miss Ella Hooper and Reverend Oakley Lee. Reverend Lee told the history of the Indians living near Dulac and their living conditions today. Miss Hooper told of opening a small school for them nine years ago and stated a new opportunity to buy a very beautiful piece of land has presented itself—then said, "in fact we have already made a small down payment." Mrs. Sexton stated she simply wanted the women of the Conference to know about it and that no action would be taken on it at this time. She said "talk about it—learn about it—and interest people in making gifts."

As Mrs. Harry Hendrick read the report of the Resolution Committee, Mrs. Sexton asked Dr. and Mrs. Freeman and the Chairmen of all committees of the hostess society to come to the front and listen carefully as the thanks were read.

When a place of meeting for next year's Conference was called for, Mrs. S. L. Cole, President of the Ruston Auxiliary, graciously invited the Conference to meet in Ruston next year. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

The service for the installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. J. W. Mills in a most impressive manner, while the three newly elected officers, Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President; Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Recording Secretary; and Mrs. E. A. Sartor, Secretary of Young Women's and Girls' Work stood at the altar.

The Hymn "Saviour Again To Thy Dear Name" was sung and the closing prayer was made by Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, Jr., President
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Christians United"

How long it seems since my message to you last spring! It came just after the final meeting of the Woman's Misionary Council in New Orleans and on the eve of the first General Conference of the new Methodist Church. What an epochal year 1940 has been in both church and world history. Many of you are familiar with the statue in Chicago which represents Time standing still while world events move past. In certain periods the platform is densely crowded, while in others there is comparative calm. Surely this year has been one of the crowded periods!

The first General Conference of the Methodist Church, meeting last April in Atlantic City, set in motion a vast program of work which had gradually taken shape. For the first time in history Methodist women are united in one organization, the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missons and Church Extension. A distinguishing feature of the new church is the large opportunity given young people and women.

Every door of service is open to women except that of the itinerant ministry.

During the fall months, the Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized from the local church to the Jurisdiction. Charter meetings were held in thousands of local churches in September, in practically a hundred Conferences in October, and in six Jurisdictions in December. The thoroughness and compehensiveness of the transition from Missionary Societies to Societies of Christian Service, and the growth in membership and enthusiasm make a thrilling story. In Louisiana pastors of every charge were wonderfully cooperative. 225 societies sent charters to the Organizational Conference in Alexandria, and 9,789 members were reported. Since that time the numbers have increased until our membership today is double that of 1932. Many of these are young women who have not worked in missionary groups before. The real test will come in holding these women and interesting them in the total program of service. To quote Mrs. Bragg, President of the Women's Division, "We are glad for our numbers in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, but we are proud of our opportunities. They are horizon-stretching opportunities. We are impressed not with our achievements, but with our challenges dictated by the world's needs."

A majority of the Officers of the Conference Missionary Society have carried over into the new organization and have helped to make the transition smooth. There are two new departments which broaden our field—Student Work and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Student Work speaks for itself and the Wesleyan Service Guild is composed of business women of all ages. A United States bulletin states that one-fifth of all women are gainfully employed outside their homes. A large percentage of this number, of course, are interested in the church life of their community and will welcome this channel for study and service.

Reports for the year, which will be brought by the officers, show that changes and readjustments have not hurt our work. There is an eagerness to master new methods and an upward trend in finances which is most encouraging. A large delegation attended the Leadership Schools at Centenary and Sequoyah last summer to better prepare themselves for places of responsibility. It would be hard to find a more efficient and consecrated body than the Executive Committee which has worked with your President these nine years. Changes have come, of course, but at all times the Committee has been a closely knit unit. We have had through the years a harmonious, joyful fellowship.

At the Executive Meeting in Lafayette in January several changes were made which should be noted. Mrs. G. J. Tinsley was named Secretary of the Lake Charles district, and Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., was elected Secretary of Literature and Publications. As one of the duties of that office she became editor of the Woman's Page in the New Orleans Advocate and has handled it splendidly. In line with action of the

Executive Committee we have requested a Student Counsellor for L. P. I. and indications are that she will be appointed in September. Her salary will be paid by the local church, supplemented by the Conference. This will give us three Student and two Rural workers within the Conference. Louisiana is most fortunate in its number of trained workers and the various types of work carried forward. All of these will be presented during this meeting.

Down below Houma, at Dulac, about 2,000 Indians, forgotten people need our help. The opportunity is for a piece of experimental work on a larger scale. Miss Hooper is truly a woman "whom a dream hath possessed" and some way or other her dreams have a habit of coming true.

Three young women are applying for schclarships to Scarritt this fall. If they meet requirements we shall be able to give them this training for definite Christian work. Marguerite Manning from New Orleans is already at Scarritt on the Whited Memorial Scholarship and is staying for the summer term in order to finish next year.

We are glad to have several missionaries from the Orient as special guests, though hearts ache at conditions which made their recalling necessary. Patricia McHugh, whom we sent to Korea several years ago, has been retained for work in the Philippines.

It is with keen regret that I bring you several resignations. Mrs. Guy Hicks finds it impossible to continue as Spiritual Life leader. She is admirably fitted for the work and had made wonderful plans for promoting it, but her doctor orders rests and freedom from responsibility for the coming year. Mrs. Dunford, faithful and loved leader of the Alexandria district, wishes to be relieved after Conference because of heavier home duties. No doubt you have heard already that I, too, am having to resign. When the Conference elected me first President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in October, I fully intended serving until election year in 1942. Double duties, however, have proved heavy since organization of the Jurisdictional Society, and I feel that the privilege and responsibilities should be shared. I have loved the work and can truthfully say have given it my best. Always I have felt the undergirding of your love and prayers. There has been no opportunity nor privilege within your giving which has not been opened to me. For nine of the richest, most meaningful years of my life I thank you from the bottom of my heart. To her whom you elect as President for the coming year, I pledge my help and loyal support. As president of the South Central Jurisdiction all of you and the new President will still belong to me!

And now for a glance at the world situation:

Support of the missionary work has fallen off in the last few years, though the need is greater than ever. All of the great sending nations except the United States are at war. What has become of Belgian, German, French and Dutch work? In this connection it is interesting to read the missionary attitude of the British government as defined by Lord Halifax.

"It is said that some who regularly support the work of foreign missions are in doubt whether it is right in time of war to send money out of the country, and also whether war charities and war work ought not to take precedence over everything else. The British government desires that the services rendered by Christian missions should continue. The support of foreign missionary work in time of war is an essential part of the Church's witness. Christian people should not desert this permanent and universal obligation because of the special needs and charties that press upon us in war time." If some doors are closed, others are wide open. Africa, India and Latin America are eager for workers.

To serve the present age we must dare to live the Kingdom life in advance of its coming. New frontiers are along industrial, inter-racial and international lines. We must join with Christians of every creed and every land to fight those evils which are world-wide in their scope: moral laxness, economic friction, race hatred, war. These are the things in which young people are interested and only as Christianity furnishes a solution for these problems and demonstrates its power for building fellowship will it take its place as the religion of the world.

There is no cause for discouragement, rather the contrary. The emergence of a world church community is the one bright spot in today. The growth and trend toward union of churches throughout the world has been phenomenal. We are living in the day we have dreamed of when there is an indigenous Christian church in every nation. We are today a part of a world Christian church, a brotherhood with the same ideas and purposes, a consecrated minority who will, please God, have power enough to mould the action of the majority.

"Fifteen hundred years ago came Alaric and his host of barbarians to sack and destroy the Eternal City on the Tiber. The roar of pillage penetrated monastery walls. It came to the ears of Augustine as he was writing 'The City of God'. Unswervingly he carried on in spite of threats and violence and crumbling civilization. Alaric is a name in history books. The Goths are shadowy figures in the tapestry of history. But Augustine is among the immortals, for amidst threat and violence he wrote creatively to interpret God to his fellowman."

"Others have labored and we today enter into their labors."

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, Jr.

REPORT OF VICE-PRESIDENT

In some comparisons recently worked out by the college of Bishops of the South Central Jurisdiction we find some interesting facts. The total membership in our Jurisdiction is less than any of the others except the Western. We are scattered out over more square miles than any except the Western. We fall below the average in the three comparisons pertaining to giving, namely: Benevolent Giving, Ministerial Support, and Per Capita

Giving. Our Bishops hasten to emphasize their conviction that these comparisons should in no way be a discouragment but rather a challenge to each and every Methodist living in this section.

Many parts of our Jurisdiction are new and recently settled. Naturally economic and social changes are so rapid in them that Society is constantly in the process of growth and development. The church in the South Central Jurisdiction has an unusual opportunity to mold the thinking and set the pattern for organization within its borders. Here is a creative task for the members of the Women's Society of Christian Service as well as for the whole Church. It is indeed a challenge.

My task as your Vice-President largely revolves around the problem of giving. If we could but once put money in its rightful place in the Kingdom work how rapidly would be the spread of the Gospel, how rich we could become in Grace and how powerful we would become in His Kingdom!

Guy L. Morriell in his book "Life as a Stewardship" discusses giving in this way, "We can by our money talk in the languages and dialects of every people of every place and tell them the old story. When we realize that our money is ourselves, and that where our money is there we are, then our giving becomes an 'open sesame' to a glorious ministry." Keeping in mind his words "where our money is there we are" then the following poem takes on a new meaning to each of us:

Three things the Lord would have us do;
All we who serve him here below
And long to see His Kingdom come
We may Pray or Give or Go.

Pray that the gold-filled hands may give
To arm the others for the fray
That those who hear the call may go
And Pray . . . that other hearts may Pray.

St. Paul, who next to the Master Himself, was the greatest of all Missionaries speaks of giving as the Grace of giving. He says "let every man do according as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." It is like every other phase of the plan of the Salvation. God works in us but we must work it out. We may pretend to acknowledge God's claim on our money but give little or none of it to his Cause. It all depends on how we purpose in our hearts. We must establish the habit of giving before we can become cheerful givers.

The Grace of giving is such a vital part of religion. It gives flavor, so to speak, to all our religion. It is so definite and abundant in its rewards. When we give boldly; when we feel the loss of indulgence we might have enjoyed if we had given less generously, we are not anxious

about the morrow. We have had the joy of giving which is its own reward.

What more challenging way of giving does our denomination offer than that of becoming a Life Member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service! Just as we are all members of a new church, a new organization, just so we are all eligible for membership in that new organization, even though we have been Life Members for years in the old ones. What an honor we should feel it—to be on the first year's roll of Life Members—and what a privilege we should consider it to have a part in making a gift of a Life Membership to some one deserving such an honor in our Church!

MRS. J. J. McKEITHEN

DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

REPORT OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble." In this chaotic world where nations are being conquered and enslaved, to those who have faith and believe, "God is our refuge and strength."

War is one of the most serious threats to civilization. Before it has passed the new culture may collapse in a welter of bloodshed. If Christianity is to prevail and is to be an integral and important part of a new world culture, it can only be through a world-wide fellowship of Christians.

We, as members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, live in a day of great opportunity and responsibility and may we recognize the sacredness of our stewardship.

We want a principle within
    Of watchful Godly fear,
A sensibility of sin,
    A pain to feel it near.

Chesterton says, "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting, it has been found difficult and not tried."

Our great United Methodism, in united Christian action could win for Christ if every member could sense the opportunity now present to use his God-given talents to help bring in a world Christian Brotherhood.

Two hundred seventy-three Charter Societies of Christian Service with 10,701 members was reported.

While there were decreases in some phases of our work and increases in others, we are happy to announce our Conference Pledge was overpaid $1,196.77. Scarritt Maintenance showed a very slight decrease and Life

Membership finances remained about the same as last year.

Houma Scholarship support was increased $158.68, barely taking care of one child. With an increasing waiting list for MacDonell School, the need is great for more financial aid to be given through Houma Scholarships.

St. Mark's Community Center, MacDonell French Mission School and Jubilee Inn should be commended for their corps of Christian workers whose purpose in life is service for the Master. We would not be unmindful of the acceptance by the other deaconesses in our Conference of our Lord's admonition, "Go ye therefore and make disciples" whose work in various fields is showing progress.

An ever increasing number of women are availing themselves of the opportunity to study at the School for Christian Workers held in Shreveport each year.

A goodly number of women attended the Missionary Conference and Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah.

It is gratifying to observe the youthful appearance of the present day congregations attending the various Missionary meetings. It is most encouraging to learn of the growing number of young women and their eager interest and enthusiasm and the efficient service they are rendering. We wish to pay tribute to the seven District Secretaries ably assisted by their Zone Leaders who have carried on a program of promotion, organization and cultivation. Information and understanding which grow out of informed discussions at District Conferences, Zone meetings, Study Leaders Institutes, Officers' Training Days clear the way for the accomplishment of some of the most difficult tasks.

We are proud of the advancement and progress made. We want to press ever onward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. H. THATCHER,
Conference Secretary.

STATISTICAL REPORT FROM CONFERENCE FOR 1940

DISTRICTS	Number of Societies	Number of New Societies	Total members in societies including young women and new members.	Number of new members	Number of Young Women's Circles	Number of Young Women in Circles	Number of Societies promoting Baby Specials	Number of subscribers to World Outlook	Number of Active Spiritual Life Groups	Number of new Mission Study Classes	Number of members in Mission Study Classes	Number of new Bible Study Classes	Number of members in Bible Study Classes	Number of Societies having Christian Social Relations Committees	Number of Societies observing Week of Prayer	Number of Societies achieving Efficiency Aim	Number of Life Members of names added to Memorial Roll	Number of Home or Foreign Specials	Value of Boxes of Supplies	Amount Spent for Local Work
Alexandria	37	6	1300	367	2	59	9	180	9	34	357	30	522	19	26		21	8	$318.06	$2494.66
Baton Rouge	38	4	1676	517	5	43	6	228	12	24	427	28	487	18	28	1	34	5	696.77	3423.91
Lake Charles	38	6	1612	781	4	148	6	222	15	26	432	23	444	12	19	2	15	6	249.75	2442.21
Monroe	35	1	1633	499	7	84	5	246	19	40	1095	26	616	21	27	5	12	4	706.63	4008.91
New Orleans	32	4	1561	539	3	27	6	242	17	23	391	21	265	18	25		15	12	677.55	4119.47
Ruston	48	7	2460	1283	7	229	12	262	14	47	660	39	931	20	30	1	10	2	456.40	2824.46
Shreveport	40	2	2607	1033	4	35	15	277	22	50	1125	38	1752	24	32	8	24	11	558.25	4450.06

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1940

DISTRICTS	Freewill Offering	Scarritt Maintenance	Foreign Scholarships	Houma Scholarships	Zone Offering	Week of Prayer	District Collections	Bible Women	Houma Day	Life Memberships	Children's Department	Total—All Sources
Alexandria	$ 1,937.53	$ 83.25	$ 40.00	$ 808.40	$ 50.04	$ 159.55	$ 45.41	$120.00	$17.91	$ 306.00	$ 17.89	$ 3,585.98
Baton Rouge	2,308.24	116.34		640.51	63.43	289.11	74.50			550.00	12.07	4,054.20
Lake Charles	1,807.21	69.00		788.05	22.41	200.20	57.89		11.50	245.00	13.29	3,214.55
Monroe	3,204.65	92.40	80.00	265.00	75.80	263.11	42.49			230.00	38.28	4,291.73
New Orleans	2,488.54	77.00	170.00	932.00	38.05	347.98	59.25	220.00		195.00	11.67	4,539.49
Ruston	3,355.51	78.25		300.00	30.96	328.18	62.00		4.55	215.00	29.86	4,404.31
Shreveport	5,299.18	146.00		1,067.52	30.28	405.92	82.28	360.00	1.35	400.00	32.23	7,824.76
Grand Totals	$20,400.86	$662.24	$290.00	$4,801.48	$310.97	$1,994.05	$423.82	$700.00	$35.31	$2,141.00	$155.29	$31,915.02

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST FROM THE 1940 REPORTS OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Our District meeting was held in Winnfield on May 1st, 1940 with a large attendance. Our Study Leaders' meeting with the Conference Study team as speakers was held in Alexandria. All Zone leaders held their meetings quarterly. Too much credit cannot be given the Zone Leaders, Mrs. A. H. Mitchell, Mrs. J. Q. Elliott, Mrs. W. H. Parker, Jr., Mrs. H. E. Mayes and Mrs. A. G. Powell for their faithfulness. The real climax of 1940 was the Charter meeting of the Louisiana Conference Society of Christian Service in our District. We are indeed grateful for the many blessings and privileges we have had and also for the fine spirit shown by our women which means, we believe, nothing less than fuller cooperation and stronger unity in the future.

MRS. H. V. DUNFORD

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

District meeting was held at Ponchatoula in May. The Annual Retreat at Bluff Creek led by Mrs. H. A. Sheppard in June. Study Leaders' meeting at First Church, Baton Rouge, in September, with Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Mrs. D. C. Metcalf and Mrs. J. H. Thatcher as guest speakers.

Eighteen well-attended Zone Meetings with interesting and instructive programs.

Spiritual Life Groups are increasing and we hope to be able to report at least one in every Society next year.

MRS. S. J. FAIRCHILD

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

The Lake Charles District Meeting was held in Lafayette in May, with Mrs. G. J. Tinsley, Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity, presiding for the District Secretary, Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., who was ill. Mrs. Guy Hicks, newly appointed Spiritual Life Leader, was present and gave most inspirational and helpful suggestions for the work of the Spiritual Life Groups. Mrs. C. C. Carver, Conference Treasurer, explained the budget and urged more generous giving.

The District Study Leaders' Day was held in Lake Charles in September, at which time Dr. Marie Tisdale was introduced as the new District Secretary. Conference officers who took part on the program for the day were: Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Mrs. D. C. Metcalf and Mrs. Guy Hicks.

In spite of the terrible flood which affected so many of our members in the Lake Charles District, our pledge was overpaid.

This demonstrates the fine spirit that prevails and, as our forty-one Societies of Christian Service enter into the new work in a new year, we hope to carry on with ever increasing zeal and love for the Master's course.

DR. MARIE TISDALE

MONROE DISTRICT

America's finest women are found in its Churches, and Monroe District shares in making this possible.

We closed the year with an increase in many departments of work. Active Spiritual Life groups have revived and deepened lives of women. They have aided in increasing the number of those willing to observe Week of Prayer programs, willing to study and to become active in Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities and to make more liberal contributions to Missions.

District and Zone meetings have been well attended by interested women who have helped make profitable programs. Much good has come from Study Leaders' and Officers Institutes.

There were 1487 charter members in thirty-five Societies of Christian Service. St. Joseph, Louisiana, has the distinction of being the first organized in the Louisiana Conference on August 29th, 1940.

Our deaconess, Miss Shiela Nuttall, stationed at Transylvania, is doing a fine work in interpreting the spiritual values of all phases of Christian service. Through her association in community activities, she is able to touch and to know problems of the women and to lead many of them to a fuller life in Him whom she trusts.

The best we have is for His cause.

MRS. E. C. GIBSON

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

The New Orleans district has had a good year, despite the change in organization and secretaries.

It is a matter of joy to the leaders that the women of this united church are ready to fall in with new plans confidently.

The work has gone forward in an uninterrupted manner.

The Zone meetings were held regularly, also the District and Coaching days as scheduled.

The secretary of the New Orleans district appreciates the patience and cooperation, of the women with her, as a new secretary during the transitional stage, and pledges better work as more knowledge and information comes to her. It is with keen satisfaction that she is able to say that every Society of Christian Service in the district observed the Week of Prayer, and that the district's pledge was met in full.

There was a loss of two societies to the Baton Rouge district, but

it is a distinct pleasure to add three new societies which were of the former M. E. Church, and one other society of a new church.

MRS. C. C. HIGHTOWER

RUSTON DISTRICT

The efficient leadership of Mrs. Kinnebrew, former District Secretary, together with the spirit and cooperation of the fine women of Ruston District has brought about some very substantial gains and a most excellent type of work. During this first quarter I have been quite busy trying to get acquainted with my duties and responsibilities, a swell as studying records. I find that the Ruston District ranks high in the number of Charter Societies, especially high in the number of societies from the former M. P. Church, for which we are justly proud. These fine women are making a real contribution to the W. S. C. S. I am told that Ruston District leads in the number of Wesleyan Service Guilds. The pledge to missions was over paid by a large margin. In fact, every department of the work is on the upward trend.

For all these gains we would give the praise to Him, who is able to do for us abundantly more than we are able to ask or think. My earnest prayer is that the work continue to grow and move forward as I attempt to serve the district.

MRS. WALKER McDONALD.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

The work of the District has progressed during the year of 1940. In spite of some confusion due to the transition reports from societies hit a new high for promptness this year. The District pledge of $7,800.00 was overpaid $24.96. Eight societies achieved the Efficiency Aim with many having checked it 90%. Twenty-four life memberships were made last year and while not given entirely by the District we feel proud that two women of our District received one Honorary Life membership and one Life Patron.

There is always a great deal of interest in Houma Scholarships and last year there were seven and one-half scholarships supported from this District. The enthusiasm for the Mission study seems to be permanent and many projects have resulted; also over a dozen of the study classes received special recognition for the type of study conducted. We have twenty-two Spiritual Life Groups reporting and one of the goals for 1941 is a Spiritual Life Group in every Society.

With the christian way of life being challenged everywhere we must utilize more and more the spiritual resources available in such groups. The thirty-eight societies are well organized and getting more familiar with the new plans and thus are assuming an ever enlargening share of the responsibility for relieving suffering humanity and the shattered areas of the world.

MRS. IRA CAMPBELL

ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee Recommends:

1. That an effort be made to secure an accurate report of membership. In so doing, stress the fact that prayer, service and an annual contribution of money to the total budget through membership offerings of dues, pledges, or gifts constitute Membership.
2. That the unfinished task of organization be promoted by personal visitation of Conference, District, Zone and Local officers to Churches with unorganized societies.
3. That those societies which have not wholly completed the merging of their former missionary and local groups into one Society, be given special attention and cultivation, with an explanation of values to be gained under the New Plan.
4. That District Secretaries and Zone Leaders cooperate with the Secretaries of the Wesleyan Service Guild, Student Work, Young Women's and Girls' Work, and Children's Work, helping to promote membership and securing interest and response in giving.
5. That District secretaries and Zone leaders help to promote finances.

INCREASING EFFICIENCY

The Woman's Division of Christian Service has adopted a program of work called the "Efficiency Aim" by which Woman's Society of Christian Service may judge of its efficiency in carrying out the purpose of the organization. The corresponding secretary of each society should report to the district secretary the progress made each quarter in attaining the eight (8) items. Then, at the close of the year, she should send the "Efficiency Aim" card checked with her yearly report, to the District Secretary.

EFFICIENCY AIMS, 1941

Woman's Society of Christian Service

1. At least ten monthly meetings based on the prescribed program materials of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.
2. Net increase in membership. (Base increase on figures from report of quarter ending December 31, 1940.)
3. A Spiritual Life Committee functioning in the society.
4. Committee promoting study and activity each quarter in some area of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.
5. Three study courses, selected from list of approved courses.
6. Net increase in subscriptions to **The Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook.**
7. Observance of the Week of Prayer, as planned by the Woman's Division of Christian Service.
8. Increase in offerings sent conference treasurer.

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLIES

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF SUPPLIES—MRS. C. I. JONES

And the King shall say "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

			Value of Gifts
Supplies to Home Mission Institutions			
St. Mark's Community Center		$1,273.38	
MacDonnell French Mission School and Wesley House			
Laundry Equipment	$ 762.82		
Other Supplies	$2,826.48		
		$3,589.30	
Total for Institutional Supplies			$4,862.68
Foreign Supplies—Medicine for China			$ 20.00
Ministerial Supplies—Recommended by District Superintendents			$ 332.55
Total			$5,215.23
Value of Supplies to Jubilee Inn			$ 118.53
			$5,333.76

DIRECTIONS FOR SUPPLIES 1941

Houma

Alexandria—2nd, 4th quarters.
Baton Rouge—1st, 3rd, 4th.
Lake Charles—1st, 3rd.
Monroe—1st, 2nd.
New Orleans—2nd, 4th.
Ruston—1st, 3rd, 4th.
Shreveport—1st, 2nd, 4th.

St. Mark's

Alexandria—1st, 3rd.
Baton Rouge—2nd.
Lake Charles—2nd, 4th.
Monroe—3rd, 4th.
New Orleans—1st, 3rd.
Ruston—2nd.
Shreveport—3rd.
Former M. E. Societies to Sagar Brown.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES

1. That our goal for the year 1941 be: That each Society have a direct personal share in the missionary work of the State, by contributing cash supplies for St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans, and for MacDonell French Mission School and Wesley House in Houma, and Sager Brown Home in Baldwin.
2. That Societies continue to send boxes of wearing apparel and food to these institutions, but valuation will be placed only upon new goods plus express.
3. That Societies within reasonable distance of Jubilee Inn, a cooperative home for business girls in Shreveport, contribute food supplies to that institution.
4. That Societies use "Shipment of Goods" blanks when sending new supplies to Institutions or ministers.
5. That those Societies wishing to send ministerial supplies notify the Conference Secretary of Supplies.
6. That all Societies follow the instructions sent quarterly by the Conference Supply Secretary.
7. That each local Society be asked to give an amount equal to three cents per capita for Foreign Supplies to be used to secure visual educational equipment for Africa, and medical supplies for China and India.
8. That all cash offerings for supplies be sent to the Conference Treasurer.
9. That cash gifts be sent for book fund for Missionaries and Deaconesses.

MRS. C. I. JONES, Chairman
MRS. W. N. HOLLADAY, Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

REPORT OF TREASURER

Woman's Missionary Society—1940

Balance on Hand January 1, 1940		$ 990.61
Building & Loan		201.77
		$1,192.38
Receipts—		
Free Will Offering—Adults		$20,401.40
Free Will Offering—Babies		155.29
Honorary Life Patron		290.00
Honorary Life Memberships		300.00
Life Memberships—Adults		1,525.00
Life Memberships—Juniors		10.00
Life Memberships—Babies		350.00
Memorial (one adult and one baby)		30.00
Gift from Mrs. A. P. Holt—Used on Life Patron		10.00
Scarritt Maintenance		662.24
Foreign Scholarships		290.00
Houma Scholarships		4,801.48
Bible Women		700.00
Week of Prayer		2,070.58
Houma Day Offering		35.31
Zone Collections		310.97
Collections of Annual & District Meetings		79.28
Refunds by Officers		72.07
For Supplies		9.10
World Day of Prayer		1.22
Postage allowed		.05
Mrs. Luke Johnson Memorial		88.99
Thank Offering		35.60
Charter Membership Offering		554.31
Disbursements—		
Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton	$29,349.87	
Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton	554.31	
Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton	35.60	
Mrs. Luke Johnson Memorial	88.99	
For Supplies	9.10	
World Day of Prayer	1.22	
Mailing Council Minutes	8.43	
Conference Officers Expense	1,114.22	
District Secretary Expense	279.79	
Shiela Nuttall—Extra Expense	92.74	
Natchitoches Times—Louisiana News	63.33	
Faye Kirkpatrick—Traveling Expense	7.65	

Begbie Florist	3.03	
Expenses of six to Mt. Sequoyah	60.00	
Expense of Council	578.00	
Printing Minutes, Letter Heads, etc.	406.77	
Expense of Jurisdictional Meeting	105.00	
Cox-Garrison—Bond for Treasurer and Insurance on car	72.00	
Audit of Treasurers books	25.00	
Expense of Miss Phyllis Rhodes Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy to Scarritt	125.00	
Mimeographing letters, etc.	3.65	
Engraving cup	1.00	
Bank Charges	12.04	
	$32,997.99	$33,985.27
		32,997.99
Balance on Hand for Conference Expense		$ 987.28
By act of voting body $201.77 B. & L. was added to Week of Prayer Offering	$2,272.35	
Collected for China Relief	167.52	
Building and Loan Stock Certificate No. 463	245.00	
Savings Account No. 0500	41.97	

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. C. C. CARVER,
Conference Treasurer.

Lafayette, La.,
February 22, 1941.

Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.,
President Woman's Missionary Society,
Louisiana Conference,
Shreveport, Louisiana.

Dear Mrs. Sexton:

Complying with your request of February 9, 1941, I have made a detailed audit of the books and records of your Conference Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Carver, of Rayne, Louisiana, for the period from January 15, 1940, to January 15, 1941. I find all receipts and disbursements properly accounted for and the books and records in excellent condition.

I also find that your Treasurer is properly bonded in the sum of $10,000.00, by the Fidelity and Deposit Co., for one year. The premium on the bond is paid by your Conference.

Your Society also holds Certificate No. 463 for $245.00 and a savings account No. 0500, for $41.97 on February 15, 1941, in the Rayne Building and Loan Association.

Should there be any additional information you may desire, please communicate with me.

Assuring you that it has been a pleasure to serve your good Society, I am,

Very truly yours,
R. H. AGATE, Public Accountant.
Registered with the State Board of Certified Public Accountants under No. 127.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Committee, recommend:

1. That transportation be supplied by Conference for the district delegation to The Assembly in St. Louis, December, 1941.
2. That since our conference pledge has been increased, special emphasis be placed upon securing Life Memberships, Houma Scholarships, and stressing Week of Prayer Offerings.
3. That we approve the pledge made to Woman's Division of Christian Service of $30,000.00.

Our budget for 1941 being as follows:

Pledge to W. D. C. Service	$30,000.00
Conference Cultivation Fund	3,000.00
Total	$33,000.00

Same to be prorated thus:

Alexandria	$3,650.00
Baton Rouge	3,900.00
Lake Charles	3,600.00
Monroe	4,450.00
New Orleans	4,800.00
Ruston	4,600.00
Shreveport	8,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. C. C. CARVER, Chairman
MRS. J. J. McKEITHEN, Secretary

COST OF DIRECTED PLEDGES

These Are All Minimum Amounts

Scholarships

Students in boarding schools in China, Japan, Korea, Brazil, Mexico, Cuba, per year	$ 40.00
Some in Cuba	50.00
Bible schools in Korea	50.00
Bible schools in Japan	120.00

Medical school in China 150.00
French Mission School, Houma, Louisiana 150.00
Virginia K. Johnston Home, Dallas, Texas, for Rescue Work,
a girl's outfit for entrance 60.00
(Any amount will be welcomed on maintenance)
Vashti School, Thomasville, Georgia, for dependent girls 200.00
Scarritt College, any course 300.00

Bible Women

In China, Japan, Korea, Brazil ..... $120.00 up
Other trained native workers ..... $120.00 to $750.00

Missionaries and Deaconesses

Foreign Missionaries ..... $900.00 to $1,000.00
Deaconesses and Home Missionaries ..... $900.00 up

SPECIAL MISSIONARY PROJECTS SUPPORTED UNDER DIRECTED PLEDGES

BIBLE WOMEN

			Supported By
1. Hattie Haas	1912	Chulwon, Korea	Mrs. W. D. Haas, Alexandria
2. Priscilla Bentley	1908	East Manchuria	Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans
3. Dorothy Wilmot	1901	Huchow, China	Rayne Memorial, New Orleans
4. Hester T. Smith	1925	Songdo, Korea	Noel Memorial, Shreveport
5. Sallie Sexton	1899	Nanzing, China	First Church, Shreveport

SCHOLARSHIPS—FOREIGN

1. Unamed		Colegio Irene Toland	Winnfield Society
2. Lee Dicks	1899	Holston Institute, Songdo, Korea	Monroe Society
3. Annie Trosper	1913	Davidson School, Soochow, China	Monroe Society
4. Unnamed		Holston, Institute, Songdo, Korea	Mrs. T. P. Bell, New Orleans
5. Belle O'Pry	1905	Laurens Institute	Rayne Memorial, New Orleans

BUDGET SPECIALS

Two girls	Girls Home, Wembo Nyama Conge Belge, Africa	Franklin Society
Kindergarten	Korea	Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans

DEACONESSES AND MISSIONARIES

1. Missionary Anna B. Williams	1916	35 Nakayamate Dori, Kobe, Japan	First Church, Shreveport
2. Deaconess Ella Hooper	1919	McDonell Wesley House, Houma, La.	First Church, Shreveport
3. Missionary Clara Chalmers	1921	Colegio Irene Toland, Matanzas, Cuba	Louisiana Conference
4. Deaconess Sheila Nuttall	1927	Monroe District	Louisiana Conference
5. Missionary Ava Morton	1931	China	Louisiana Conference
6. Deaconess Mamie J. Chandler		Louisiana Normal, Natchitoches	Louisiana Conference
7. Employed worker Faye Kirkpatrick		Springhill	Louisiana Conference
8. Deaconess Verna Webster		Southwestern La. Institute, Lafayette	Louisiana Conference
9. Missionary Patricia McHugh		Korea	Louisiana Conference
10. Deaconess Mary Freeman	1928	Jubilee Inn, Shreveport	Louisiana Conference

1940 ROLL OF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Honorary Life Patron:

Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter by Conference.

Honorary Life Members:

Mrs. W. H. Martin, by Conference.

Mrs. H. V. Dunford, by Alexandria District.

Mrs. Martha Hartwell Eskridge, by Baton Rouge Society.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Adults

Mrs. Jo. Burnett, by Gleaners, Alexandria; Mrs. Charles E. Coleman, by Rochell Society; Mrs. Mary Harper, by Pineville Society; Mrs. Walter Wade, by Rochelle Society; Mrs. C. E. Gilmer, by Rochelle Society.

Juniors

Margaret Lelen, Trout.

Babies

Jane Adrian Benson, Tullos; Jerry Arthur Benson, Tullos; Francis Marion Bailey, Tullos; Sandra Lynn Carpenter, Winnfield; Wilma Lou Chevalier, by Zone 4; Mary Ellen Dempsey, Rochelle; Hebert William DePriest, Tullos; Earline Jo Jennings, Opelousas; Nellie Jane McCormack, New Palestine; Glendell Asa Roussean, Colfax; Troy Lyn Smith, Winnfield; Jo Anne Wurtz, Bunkie; William Bailey Wilson, Natchitoches; Samuel Welch, Winnfield.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Adults

Mrs. Sallie Davis, by First Church, Baton Rouge, Mixon Circle; Mrs. J. D. Doyle, by Istrouma; Mrs. A. G. Cook, by First Church, Baton Rouge, Mixon Circle; Mrs. E. L. Erickson, by First Church, Baton Rouge, White Circle; Mrs. A. M. Hooper, by First Church, Baton Rouge, Craig Circle; Mrs. Ira Flory, by First Church, Baton Rouge, Field Circle; Mrs. Birdie Loveland, by First Church, Baton Rouge, McConnell Circle; Mrs. Lillion Kronke, by First Church, Baton Rouge, Buck Circle; Mrs. B. E. Perkins, by First Church, Baton Rouge, Brown Circle; Mrs. A. H. Row, by First Church, Baton Rouge, Mixon Circle; Mrs. T. J. Rogillia, by Istruma; Mrs. Zula Williams, by Istruma; Mrs. H. H. Wall, by First Church, Baton Rouge, Mixon Circle; Mrs. E. W. Wall, by Istruma.

Babies

Robert Wickliffe Austin, Baker Society; Cecil Earl Brian, Jr., First Church, Baton Rouge; Patricia Carpenter, Istruma; Gloria Denham, Istruma; Wanda Ann Fielder, Istruma; Billie Jo King, Blackwater; David Noel Lueg, Hammond; Will David Mitchell, First Church, Baton Rouge; David Rostin McMahon, Istruma; Dorothy Blanch Mixon, First

Church, Baton Rouge; Harry Scott Oxley, Jr., First Church, Baton Rouge; Carol Winans Ratcliff, First Church, Baton Rouge; Benjamin Alvin Price III, Ethel; Charles Scott Schoenbrodt, First Church, Baton Rouge; Arthur Leonard Seanson, Jr., First Church, Baton Rouge; Harcey David Watts, First Church, Baton Rouge; Johnny Willey, First Church, Baton Rouge; Elis Dawson Tucker, Jackson; Leroy Elliott Corcoran, Jackson.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Adults

Mrs. Ward Anderson, First Church, Lake Charles; Mrs. W. A. Bell, First Church, Lake Charles; Mrs. H. O. McCaughey, Binton; Mrs. Ruth Mayo, First Church, Lake Charles; Mrs. Grant Mutersbough, First Church, Lake Charles; Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Zone 4; Mrs. J. W. Taylor, New Iberia; Mrs. Luticia Cain, Anacoco.

Babies

Patsy Buck, First Church, Lake Charles; J. J. Davidson, Jr., Lafayette; Patricia Ann Hathaway, First Church, Lake Charles; Jay Earl Koonce, Sulphur; Dorothy Lee Johnson, Sulphur; Benjamin Runte, First Church, Lake Charles; Nancy Jane Ward, DeRidder.

MONROE DISTRICT

Adults

Mrs. J. T. Benson, Monroe; Mrs. O. G. Elliott, Monroe; Mrs. B. F. Hatch, by Rayvile, Buckner and Zone; Mrs. T. Boyce Miles, Monroe; Mrs. M. M. Mulholland, Monroe; Mrs. A. C. Thompson, Tallulah; Mrs. W. M. Washburn, Monroe; Mrs. Charles Brown, Lake Providence.

Babies

Ness Conlter, First Church, Monroe; Charles Wilburn Koontz, Monroe; Gwendolyn Johns, First Church, Monroe; Luther Dean Rickerson, West Monroe; Janice Marie Joyce, Oak Grove; Baxter Deal, Jr., Lake Providence.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Adults

Mrs. W. F. Ford, by Rayne Mnmorial, New Orleans; Mrs. Walter R. Grant, by Rayne Memorial, New Orleans; Mrs. Paul Hogan, by Rayne Memorial, New Orleans; Mrs. Emma Kuntz, Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans; Mrs. Robert W. Wilmot, Rayne Memorial, New Orleans; Mrs. Alice K. Kuhn, Parker Memorial, New Orleans.

Babies

Lawrence Milton Concienne, by Houma Society; Paul Hogan III, Rayne Memorial, New Orleans; Jno. Dickson Hopkins, by Algiers; Frank Matt Houston, by Houma; Jno. Christian Markerson, by Business Women's Circle, Franklin; Gayle Redolat, by Rayne Memorial, New Orleans; Hattie Ann Scales, by Rayne Memorial, New Orleans; Mary Elizabeth Simonton, Franklin; Anna Clark Whitaker, St. Marks.

RUSTON DISTRICT

Adults

Mrs. V. M. Davis, by Mrs. Allen Barksdale; Mrs. W. H. Luck, by Minden Auxiliary; Mrs. Robert James, by Farmerville Auxiliary; Mrs. Charles Palmer, Hodge Auxiliary; Mrs. V. C. Pipes, Mrs. Frank Taylor, Arcadia; Mrs. D. W. Stewart, by Minden Auxiliary; Mrs. Eva Sherman, Haynesville.

Babies

James Turner Almond, Minden; Stein Baughman, Farmerville; Rebecca Rae Perryman, Minden.

Additions at Conference

Jane Elizabeth Fuller, Ruston; John B. Harris, Jr., Ruston; James C. Love, Jr., Ruston; Aubrey James Shepherd, Ruston.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Adults

Mrs. R. L. Baird, by Gleaners, First Church, Shreveport; Mrs. M. C. Bedsoe, by Bossier City; Mrs. Mary D. Boyd, by Coushatta; Mrs. Stella Caldwell, by Noel Memorial; Mrs. Ira Campbell, by Shreveport District; Mrs. S. O. Grubbs, Mangum Memorial; Mrs. H. J. Hanlon, Mangum Kilgore Circle; Mrs. F. L. Rhodes, by Noel Memorial; Mrs. J. S. Turrentine, Wynn Memorial; Mrs. W. C. Webb, Mangum Memorial, Nettie Robinson Circle; Mrs. D. C. Scarborough, by Gleaners, First Church.

Babies

Hoyt Dobbs Bain, by Dr. and Mrs. Foster, First Church; Martha Sue Brown, by Mangum Memorial; Sandra Lynn Connell, by Gilliam; Ann Reams Gordon, by Mrs. Barr, Vivian; Lawer Nell King, by Park Avenue, Shreveport; Mary Louise McGee, by Gleaners, First Church, Shreveport; Mary Belle Robinson, by Gleaners, First Church, Shreveport; Elizabeth Ann Rasmussen, Mansfield; Mildred Sewell Scott, First Church, Shreveport; Joseph Wheeler, Wynn Memorial.

Memorial Roll—Adult

Mrs. Ella Denman Teer, Coushatta.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PROMOTING SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS IN YOUR SOCIETY

1. Secure some time on an early Society Program to present in detail the plan of memberships. A thorough knowledge of every phase of the plan will awaken interest in this line of giving, especially is this true of women who are new to the Missionary work.
2. Keep a permanent record of Memberships received since your Charter Organization. Through the years this record will be a cherished possession of your society. It can be made a thing of beauty as you have seen from the Conference Life Membership Book kept by your former Vice-President, Mrs. W. H. Martin.

3. Make the presentation of the Certificate for a Special Membership at a meeting of the W. S. C. S. as soon as possible after the Membership has been secured. Make of it an "OCCASION."
4. Later in the year ask for a portion of the time on one of your regular programs to have the roll of Memberships of your Society read—(The reading of the roll of other years would add an inspiring note too). I have run across a Suggestive Service that I think it good. I should be glad to furnish copies if you desire it. It would be better of course for you to use your own initiative and work out plans that will appeal to your own Society.
5. Do not overlook any possibilities for Memberships. These are some that Societies of the uniting churches have found were successful in former years:
   A. Giving each member the privilege of making herself a Life member. Many of our women are economically able and anxious to give of their means to this great Missionary cause if approached in the right way.
   B. Presenting a Life Membership to your Pastor's wife. Seldom do the laywomen of a church appreciate the tremendous contribution made to all the organizations of the church by the Pastor's wife.
   C. Cooperating with other organizations in making a faithful District Secretary or Conference Officer a Life Member, or better still an Honorary Life Member.
   D. Not overlooking the value of making each new baby a Life Member. Nothing could awaken an interest in Missions in an indifferent parent, or increase the interest of one of your faithful members any more than this act of yours.
   E. Cooperating with your Secretary for Children's and Young People's work. In their organizations are possibilities for Junior and Youth Life Memberships Projects.
6. There is an opportunity of serving several purposes by placing the name of a deceased member on the Memorial roll. How much more appreciated by the bereft family than beautiful flowers is the knowledge that the money thus spent is going to carry on the cause that their loved one was dedicated to. This plan has been adopted by many societies throughout the whole church, and letters from families in appreciation attest to its merits.
7. Your women will contribute to Missions through Life Memberships with more zeal than through most any other channel if they once get started doing it. Make the appeal strong to secure the first Membership and others will follow. Draw a mental picture for them of what money given this way is accomplishing throughout the whole world; prepare a poster of pictures of types of Mission work our Women's division is responsible for and hang in a conspicuous place.

Ask your Zone Leader to give time on her Zone Meeting program for a short presentation of the membership plan. It worked in all the old organizations and it will work in the new.

8. Your Guide Book gives the details of the cost and description of each Membership, but for inspiration I urge you to read "Being a Life Member." (A little pamphlet published by the former M. E. Church South). No doubt many of your Societies already have one of these in their possession. Ask your Superintendent of Literature and Supplies to suggest other sources of Information.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Signed:

MRS. J. J. McKEITHEN,
Conference Vice President
Grayson, Louisiana.

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF CHILDREN'S WORK

The statistical report found below is the work of Mrs. J. M. Eicher, who served as Secretary until July 1, 1941.

The fall unit on "China" was postponed until January. Report blanks on which to report the unit, are just now off the press. Contrary to the custom of former years reports are to be made quarterly on blanks found in the Record and Report book of the local Corresponding Secretary.

You have been very patient waiting for the new plans. The Interboard Committee will meet in the very near future. As soon as it passes upon the new plan, the details will be printed in a pamphlet which I will mail to you at once. The new plan will give us a greater opportunity than ever before to serve the the children of the church.

As soon as the new plan is put into operation, a quarterly Bulletin, very much like the former World Friendship Bulletin, will be issued. I will mail each of you one each quarter.

In this time of change and transition, I'm happy to report that you have not just sat and waited. It's an inspiration to read the reports already coming in about the unit on China.

Our church school materials are full of missionary materials, with a new emphasis on World Service Sunday in the Church School—with the monthly bulletin Widening Horizons as a guide—we have an opportunity to build in little children attitudes of understanding, appreciation, and friendliness toward the people of all nations.

Let's take every opportunity to prepare ourselves for larger leadership in this important work with the children.

May He who loves little children lead us to become childlike in our own hearts and give us vision and power without which our work will be vain.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. ED. CONGER

Number of Churches Reporting the Friendship Units During the Year 1940, by District is as follows:

	Spring Unit Primary	Juniors
Alexandria	4	4
Baton Rouge	9	8
Lake Charles	6	6
Monroe	6	6
New Orleans	4	4
Ruston	7	8
Shreveport	7	7
Total	43	43
Number Children Attending	1475	1596
Churches Reporting Extra Sessions	17	22
Churches Reporting the Fourth Sunday Offerings sent to Conference Treasurer	52	

Council Treasurer reports Louisiana Children's Division paid in 1940 for Fourth Sunday Missionary Offering, $276.29.

INFORMATION ON CHILDREN'S WORK

Leaflets World Friendship Bulletin World Service in the Church School Children and Missions Missionary Education	Mrs. Ed Conger Arcadia, Louisiana
Source Material Widening Horizons (issued monthly)	Rev. G. W. Dameron c/o Centenary College Shreveport, Louisiana
Report Blanks	In Record and Report Book of Local Corresponding Secretary
Subscriptions to Elementary Teacher Missionary Units Group Graded Lessons a. Junior Lessons b. Our Little People Boys and Girls Magazine	Methodist Publishing House 1910 Main Street Dallas, Texas

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REPORT ON GIRL'S AND YOUNG WOMEN'S WORK

Information regarding Girl's and Young Women's work has been so slow coming to us from the Board of Missionary Education that definite plans are yet to be formulated for this important work. Any report will necessarily be fragmentary and will inadequately express the enthusiasm shown in many societies throughout the Conference.

It is quite necessary in building for the future that the foundations now laid be firm and lasting and that there will be no cause for regrets, so the building and planning is slow and requires patience to await the outcome.

By the fall of 1941, all information will be released and adequate plans will be available. There will be well planned study programs, definite Missionary objectives and suggestions for Christian Social Relation projects. Until then, opportunity for fellowship and study is provided in the following material now available:

"En Route", a stimulating booklet for girls from twelve to eighteen years, also "Stand By for China" by Poteat. Young women's groups will enjoy "I Traced the Line of the Horizon."

Districts Reporting Secretaries of Girl's and Young Women's work:

Alexandria	2
Baton Rouge	6
Lake Charles	12
New Orleans	20
Ruston	14
Shreveport	6
Total	72

Quite a number of societies have Girl's and Young Women's Groups functioning, while others are reaching girls through the League work. There is no information regarding the number of girls or young women in the groups available at present.

The only groups reporting special offerings are:

West Monroe	$ 8.10
Haynesville	6.00
Rayne Memorial	26.75
Total	$40.85

Any report would be incomplete without paying tribute to Mrs. H. J. Powers, the former secretary of young women. Due to her inspiration, her zeal, and the excellent quality of her work, a firm foundation has been laid for Girl's and Young Women's work in the Conference. Her report shows that at the close of 1940 there were 33 young women's circles, but of this number more than half of the circles during 1941 have assumed adult reponsibilities, and have become Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

We are looking forward with eagerness to the coming year, feeling that there is much in store for the leaders of girls and young women. May we face the year with patience, faith and courage, believing that we are united in doing the Master's work.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. GLENN LASKEY

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF STUDENT WORK

One of the contributions of our age to the history of our organization will be the development of Student Work. Methodism is challenged with the opportunity of acquainting two hundred thousand college students with the task of the missionary enterprise around the world.

In Louisiana we will share with some four thousand Methodist students an opportunity to build the World Mission of the Christian Religion.

Our task is to so cultivate these, our students that they will want to have a place in the carrying on of this world movement.

Let it be remembered that students need leaders who inspire their confidence and give them a feeling of security, who are not hysterical in

a day of hysteria, but face life with the calm of our Father and the graciousness of Jesus Christ.

I think I see our Student development program from three views. Through the eyes of the local Secretary, through those of an employed worker on the Campus, and through the eyes of the local Society Secretary nearest the Campus.

The local Society should become acquainted with and keep a close personal relationship with students at home and on the Campus. Make your students feel that they belong to you and you expect them to take their place in the local church when they return.

Louisiana has one State University, three state colleges, four privately endowed colleges and two state junior colleges.

Our Conference has two employed Deaconesses for student work. Miss Verna Webster at Southwestern Louisiana Institute and Miss Mamie J. Chandler at Louisiana State Normal. This fall Ruston Church will employ a Deaconess to work with Louisiana Tech students. On other campuses we shall work with Wesley Foundation Workers employed by the Board of Christian Education.

The local Society nearest the Campus has a real opportunity for student cultivation. There should be close cooperation between this Secretary and the local Campus worker. She should be a member of the Campus Church Relations Committee and work through the local Campus Committee on World Mission of the Christian Religion. Miss Webster has suggested that "Adopted Parents" for a school term would be a help to students away from home. We shall adopt this as a project for next fall.

Ours is a great opportunity, and our work should be strengthened as we go forward in this great program of Student Work.

MRS. G. W. POMEROY

REPORT OF WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Since the beginning of the new year, the Wesleyan Service Guild in the Louisiana Conference has moved quietly and consistently forward as the employed women of our churches are finding their own channel for fellowship and service.

On December 31, according to report of the Conference Secretary, there were eleven Guilds reported. Our present statistical report follows:

District	No. Reporting	No. Members	No. Guilds Remiting Funds	Amount	No. Guilds Recorded
Alexandria	2	24	2	$10.25	2
Baton Rouge	2	35	3	34.40	3
Lake Charles	4	74	7	68.16	7
Monroe	2	31	4	58.05	4
New Orleans	4	87	1	44.05	5
Ruston	6	112	7	103.00	7
Shreveport	2	51	3	17.25	5
Totals	22	414	27	$335.16	33

The Conference Guild Board, composed of seven members of the Wesleyan Service Guild and six members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, was elected at the Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society in Baton Rouge, November 16, 1940. It is as follows:

Mrs. Josephine Burnett, Alexandria.
Miss Lillian Hood, c/o United Gas Company, Shreveport.
Miss Mary Searles, 429 Brice Street, Baton Rouge.
Mrs. Robert Kent, Homer.
Miss Joyce Odell, 1326 Towerline, New Orleans.
Miss Mildred Simmons, Welsh.
Miss Frances Langford, Bernhardt Building, Monroe.
Mrs. A. J. Speer, Jr., 605 Bres Avenue, Monroe.
Mrs. S. J. Bean, Haynesville.
Mrs. J. C. Lowery, 2224 Chicasa, Baton Rouge.
Mrs. T. D. Chapman, Bunkie.
Mrs. Marlin Drake, Shreveport.
Mrs. E. R. Haug, Lake Charles.

These Guild Board members will familiarize themselves with the Guild program and will be available as speakers for District and Zone meetings. They will be particularly helpful in the organization of new units.

Your Guild Secretary has been encouraged by the great number of letters of inquiry that have come to her. There has been much confusion over the new set-up for the Guild, as plans have been incomplete. However, the Wesleyan Service Guild Handbook for 1941 is now available and I hope that every Guild will provide copies for its officers.

The Wesleyan Service Guild is definitely a part of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. It uses the same program materials, adapted to the needs and interests of employed women. It supports missionaries and mission work within the appropriations. It contributes to the work of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. We earnestly solicit the cooperation of the president of every Woman's Society in the

organization of a Wesleyan Service Guild in her own church that the employed women of Methodism may be enlisted in the building of the Kingdom of God on earth.

MRS. HUGH H. HOFF,
Conference Wesleyan Service Guild
Secretary

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CULTIVATION

I. Young Women's and Girl's Work—Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Secrtary.

1. That until definite plans are released later in 1941, the Secretary of Young Women's and Girl's Work organize groups of girls from 12 to 18 years, and young women from 18 to 22 years, in those communities that desire them, and that fit their local needs, although definite plans have not been worked out.

2. That girls study "En Route" and "Stand By for China", and Young Women, "I Traced the Line of the Horizon."

3. That funds be channeled through the Treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, but carefully labled as such, and sent to the Conference Treasurer.

4. Reports be made quarterly to the Conference Secretary of Girl's and Young Women's work, and to the District Secretary.

II. Student Work—Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Secretary

1. That each local Society cultivate its students in such a way that they will want to become members of the local Society.

2. That the local Society nearest the College Campus cooperate closely with the student worker on the Campus—especially in helping students to go to various student Conferences and group meetings.

3. That outstanding leaders and speakers be presented by local Societies and on College Campuses and that since Miss Kate Cooper of Korea will be available to our Conference immediately after this meeting we recommend that she be presented on every College Campus and in as many local societies as possible.

4. That the Louisiana Conference through the local Societies furnish one room in the new Scarritt Dormitory and that this room be named the Lela M. Carre room in honor of Mrs. Carre. The minimum amount needed for a room is $150.00. This money will be sent to Mrs. Carver.

III. Wesleyan Service Guild—Mrs. Hugh Hoff, Secretary.

Statistics show that "the percentage of women in Methodism who leave their home in the morning to work for pay is one in five." If this be true, there are over 600,000 employed women in our great church. This group has been given a place of its own in the new Methodist Church—the Wesleyan Service Guild.

We, the committee, recommend:

1. That every Woman's Society of Christian Service make a survey of the local church to determine the possibility of organizing a Wesleyan

Service Guild. A group of six makes a splendid nucleus for a new organization.

2. That every Guild be urged to provide officers with a copy of the Guild Handbook for 1941.

3. That the Guilds of our Conference be urged to familiarize themselves with the projects of the Wesleyan Service Guild by the use of Project Pamphlets presented at the regular monthly meeting.

4. That the Conference Treasurer, after consultation with the Conference Guild Secretary, send Wesleyan Service Guild apportionments for 1942 direct to the Treasurer of the local unit of the Guild.

5. That the Conference avail itself of the service of the Speakers Bureau of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and cooperate in the proposed itinerary to be arranged by Jurisdictional Secretaries.

MRS. GLENN LASKEY, Chairman
MRS. R. H. NELSON, Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS and LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

REPORT OF SECRETARY—MRS. D. C. METCALF

The interest in the work of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities has steadily increased. The reports of the local secretaries show a greatly improved program of work. There has been a definite desire for a better understanding of the work that has led to study. Not only have the leaflets and packets been helpful, but our Mission Study books have done much in promoting the work. "Right Here at Home" and "Uprooted Americans" gave such valuable information and resulted in many Societies doing constructive work in their communities.

Space will not permit a detailed account of the many activities, however, I shall mention a few outstanding ones. Established Library in Negro schools; built T. B. cabins; organized Recreational Centers and paid directors; telegrams and letters were sent Senators and Representatives; established Mother's clinic; sewing and knitting for Red Cross. Sent several Negro women to School for Christian Workers at Tyler, Texas. Established and maintained recreational room in Church for use of soldiers. Games and magazines were donated to N. Y. A. Center. Playgrounds were organized. Literature was given to Negro churches. Numerous visits made to sick and shut-ins.

The following Societies have made the four Quarterly reports and are on the Honor Roll:

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT —Alexandria First Church, Bunkie, Opelousas, Natchitoches, Glenmora, Palmetto, Pineville, Boyce.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT —Baton Rouge First Church, Baker, Istrouma, New Hope, Zachery, Bogalusa.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—Lake Charles First Church, Lafayette, Sulphur, Crowley, DeRidder, Gueydan, Rayne, Anacoco.

MONROE DISTRICT —Bastrop, Buckner, Delhi, Monroe First Church, Monroe Gordon Avenue Church, Sterlington, Lake Providence, Winnsboro, Waterproof, Columbia, Wisner, Wesley, Claiborne.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT —Munholland Memorial, Parker Memorial, Slidell, New Orleans Second Church, Algiers, Canal Street, Rayne, Carrollton Avenue, Franklin.

RUSTON DISTRICT —Arcadia, Homer, Hilly, McIntyre, Springhill, Simsboro, Gibsland, Jonesboro, Minden, Farmerville, Haynesville.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT —Shreveport First Church, Noel Memorial, Greenwood, Sexton Chapel, Keithville, Gilliam, Vivian, Mangum Memorial, Plain Dealing, Bossier, East Point, Pelican, Mansfield, Wynn Memorial, Cedar Grove, Broadmoor, Benton.

THE DEPARTMENT—ITS PURPOSE AND FUNCTION

The name of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities indicates two or more less distinct lines of activity, both of which are interwoven into the very foundation of the work of the entire Woman's Society of Christian Service in its relationship to the church, the community, and wider areas of service.

1. Christian Social Relations.

This phase of the work of the department is concerned with study and social action.

2. Local Church Activities.

This concerns the responsibilities and activities of women in the local church which includes a multitude of varied activities common to local church women everywhere.

There are seven areas of activities suggested by the department:

1. Local Church and Community Cooperation.

2. International Relations and World Peace.
3. Economic Relations.
4. Minority Groups and Interracial co-operation.
5. Christian Citizenship.
6. Alcohol and other narcotics.
7. The Christian Family.

Recommendations from the conference committee of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities:

1. That the Conference Chairman of the standing committees of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities serve as Resource people within their District in the promotion of the work.

2. That because the Methodist Woman provides information necessary for carrying on the program of Christian Social Relations, we urge that the Local Secretaries and Conference Committee Chairman be subscribers to the Methodist Woman.

3. That each local society through its committee plan studies and activities in at least one of the seven areas of work each quarter; promoting the same through circles, the society as a whole or in special church groups.

4. That the Local Society co-operate with such Federal and State groups and agencies as will best promote the lines of work outlined by the Department.

5. That because of the new lines of work and organizational function, the handbook of the Department be studied by the members of every society.

6. That the program of the Third Quarter Zone meetings be an institute on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

7. That a Local Church Council on Social action and community service be set up to integrate as far as practicable, the interests and needs of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities into the entire church program; this Council to be composed of the Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, representatives from Young Peoples' groups, Adult Bible Classes and Wesleyan Service Guild.

8. That when camps for conscientious objectors are established, the local society in adjacent areas be asked to assist in contributing supplies for the use of these camps, such as, bedding, linens, work clothes, sewing kits, underwear and cash contributions, etc.

9. That inasmuch as a great emphasis is being placed on education toward securing and developing the stability of the home—we recommend that the local society organize study groups for parents.

The following Resolution was endorsed by the Conference:

To The Honorable Overton T. Brooks
Congressman of Fourth District
Washington, D. C.

Whereas, we, as voters of the Fourth District of the sovereign state of Louisiana, have invested in you power to voice our opinions in the Congress of the United States; and,

Whereas, the national defense program is being unnecessarily and unjustifiably obstructed and delayed; and,

Whereas, we are confronted with the tragic example of the fifteen conquered European nations, who were totally unprepared to meet modern warfare because of labor trouble and internal disunity; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That we petition the Congress of the United States to expedite and promote the national defense program.

RESOLVED: That the delay of the national defense program is undermining the morale of the American people, and is weakening their confidence in those officials to whom we look for the execution of the program of national defense.

RESOLVED: That since the national defense program apparently will be hastened by the removal of those officials, we hereby ask the Congress to memorialize the President of the United States to take such action.

RESOLVED: That the laboring men and women of the United States, whose loyalty to the principles of democracy is unquestioned, should be freed from the domination of the labor racketeer, whose influence is subversive to American ideals, and we urge that the Congress enact legislation which will remedy this situation.

RESOLVED: That since the men in the drafted army for the defense of the United States are making economic sacrifices, we beg the Congress of the United States require a commensurate sacrifice from capital and labor.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

REPORT OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY OF LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS—MRS. J. J. DAVIDSON, JR.

1940 was an epoch-making year for our department. All Literature and publications have been changed and we have been busy trying to keep up with the printers to keep abreast of the times and to be able to answer the many questions that come to us about the literature and program material. It was like losing an old friend when, in the April issue of the "Louisiana News", it was announced that it would not be

published anymore. Mrs. Cunningham and Hyams had, through this leaflet, kept us informed of the doings of the Conference, and we still miss this monthly news sheet, but it was one of the sacrifices we had to make. "The Missionary Bulletin" was the next to go; the July issue was the last. These monthly issues meant a lot to our societies in keeping us informed, but too much praise cannot be given our new source of information—"The Methodist Woman", a real magazine which no Methodist woman, member of the W. S. C. S. can afford to be without. It has information concerning developments in every phase of our work as organization takes place and annoucements of publications make it easy to keep oneself informed. The first issue was in September and those who have a complete file should realize that they have a valuable history of the growth and development of the W. S. C. S.

"The World Outlook" was adopted as the official Missionary Journal of the Church. We know that it is not for Woman's Work alone, but for all members of the family, and is a journal of world-wide missionary information and inspiration—every Methodist family should be a subscriber. Society Secretaries of Literature and Publications should take a real pride in promoting the two above named magazines.

Of the two hundred forty-two societies of the Louisiana Conference in 1940, only fifty-three qualified for the Honor Roll—those sending Publicity and World Outlook report every quarter on time. The Loving Cup awarded each year for outstanding work in Publicity or "World Outlook Activities" goes again to the Shreveport District and may each District set a larger goal this year for "World Outlook" and "The Methodist Woman" as we need to "study to show ourselves approved." With these two magazines, no one need be ignorant of organizational plans and activities, both at home and abroad. Goals for the Districts have not been set yet, but will be in the near future and the announcement will be made in the next quarterly issue of the "Conference News."

A word concerning this publication—with the discontinuance of the "Louisiana News," so many requests were made for something to take its place, that it was decided to publish each quarter, news and outstanding activities of the Conference. Two issues have been published. Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., is the editor. Mrs. Davidson now edits the Woman's Page in the Christian Advocate also. She is, as you know, the new Superintendent of Literature and Publications, having been appointed at the January Executive meeting to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mrs. Tinsley, who assumed the duties of Lake Charles District Secretary.

Report from all sources are to the effect that the program material, "Investing Our Heritage", has been most interesting and helpful.

I would ask that every Superintendent of Literature and Publications in the local societies study the leaflet, "Duties and Plans", prepared by the Editorial Board W. S. C. S. It contains a wealth of material and with this in hand, one need not ask what she can do for her society.

So many leaflets can be had without expense to the society. Merely order from 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. When we accept a responsibility, we should avail ourselves of every opportunity to get as much information as we can.

I am presenting this report as your 1940 Superintendent of Literature and Publications; Mrs. Davidson, your new superintendent, is not here, but she needs no introduction to the women of the Conference. She will be eager and willing to help you in every way possible, and I solicit for her, your every support. She will give much time and thought to the work and I hope that every society in the Conference will report to her at the end of every quarter that she may come to know you better and be able to help you in your programs. It is so important that you report your activities.

May God bless you as you read and study and plan your programs of activity. Truly we are "Investing our Heritage" and the dividends are great.

Sincerely,
MRS. G. J. TINSLEY

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

To the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in Session, Shreveport, Louisiana, April 29, 30 and May 1, 1941.

The year 1940 has truly presented to us "the challenge of change". From Superintendents of Mission and Bible Study we became Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service—a change which is concerned not only with terms but with increased responsibility and finer opportunities. However, new ideas and new organizations, like new life, are not born without travail; so the study program in our conference suffered some during the year. There were not as many Mission and Bible Study classes as in the previous year, but the average membership in the classes was slightly larger, indicating an enlistment of new life in our study program.

Again, though the actual number of classes receiving Special Recognition for their work was less than last year, the level of study throughout the Conference has been lifted.

The Missions Class, studying "The Church Serving Shifting Populations" under Miss Ruby Van Hooser, was one of the most popular in the Pastors' School and Conference for Christian Workers, held in June, 1940. Approximately forty were enrolled.

Suggestions on the spring and fall studies, "Christ and the World Community—at Home" and "The Church Serving Shifting Populations" were sent to each Secretary of Missionary Education and Service. These topics were widely used. Many societies cooperated also in the Church-Wide Schools of Missions, using Dr. Mott's book, "Methodists United for Action."

In the fall a team, composed of Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Mrs. Guy Hicks, Mrs. D. C. Metcalf and Mrs. G. W. Dameron, toured the Conference, holding a meeting in each district, in which plans for a correlated study program in the conference and local societies were discussed and organization plans for the Woman's Society of Christian Service were presented. Attesting to the interest of the women of Louisiana was the attendance of some 850 in the seven meetings. I am grateful to the officers and district secretaries who gave their time and talent to help make these meetings effective.

My statistical report is as follows:

Number Mission Study Classes	241
Number Members in Mission Classes	5079
Number Bible Study Classes	168
Number Members in Bible Study Classes	3729
Number Special Recognition Classes	63
Number Reading Circles	52
Number Missionary Libraries	121

This is a day when inertia and indifference among Christians are unpardonable sins. At a time when political leadership throughout the world is using methods of coercion and armed force, the Christians of the world are called upon to demonstrate the reality of the Christian World Movement and the reality of fellowship therein. Only by making our living consonant with our belief in the world-wide view of Christianity can we give such a practical demonstration.

Through our study program, we can strengthen our convictions, learn new appreciations for other races and nations, and give expression through activities and Missionary projects to our beliefs.

"Within your hearts and mine, friends, there are regions
Undreamed of that are waiting to be found,
There are new paths to blaze in thought and action,
Far journeys to be made to higher ground.
In the undiscovered countries of our being
Are forces, steeped with power, through and through:
With knowledge to be gained through toil and study,
There is startling creative work to do."
From "The Untraversed Countries" by Grace Noll Crowell.

Such is our challenge for 1941!

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. G. W. DAMERON

BOOKS AND TOPICS FOR STUDY
1941-1942

Mission Study

Topic: The Christian Mission in China Today.
Text: Dangerous Opportunity, by Earle H. Ballou.

Topic: Christians and World Order.
(To be taught in Pastors' School and Conference for Christian Workers, Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, June 9-13, 1941.)
Text: A Christian Imperative, by Roswell P. Barnes.

Topic: Christianity and Democracy in America.
Text: Christian Roots of Democracy in America, by Arthur E. Holt.

Bible Study

Texts: Jesus and Social Redemption, by John W. Shackford.
Our Times, What Has the Bible to Say?, by Dwight J. Bradley
(Both of the above texts may be used for studies in Christian Social Relations also.)
All other Bible Study texts on 1940-41 approved lists.

Christian Social Relations

Texts: Jesus and Social Redemption, by John W. Shackford.
Our Times, What Has the Bible to Say?, Dwight J. Bradley.
(Both of the above texts may be used for Bible Study also.)
Emphasis in Christian Social Relations for this year: **The Christian Family.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL JURISDICTIONAL RECOGNITION

Special Jurisdictional Recognition can now be granted for any study on the approved list, including Bible study and studies in Christian Social Relations, providing requirements are fully met.

I. The TEXTBOOK used in Special classes must be selected from the list recommended for that purpose by the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the current year (1940-41).

II. SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS must be used by members of the class to enrich the study of the text.

III. ONE TO EIGHT weeks may be used for the study, but a **four to six weeks** study is highly desirable.

IV. AN AVERAGE OF 70% of the members must attend the class sessions.

V. CLASS SESSION should be from one hour to one hour and a half in length.

VI. STUDENTS MUST READ APPROVED TEXT and make outside preparation and must participate in class work. In addition to this, assignments shall be given each member by the teacher. These assignments may be reading from supplementary materials, research, cooperative activities, etc. that require additional outside preparation. This and some results of the study may be reported on an additional sheet.

VII. THE DISCUSSION METHOD of conducting the class is recommended as most successful in stimulating group study and participation.

The lecture method alone is not acceptable. A variety of methods may be desirable.

VIII. THE TEACHER shall be qualified for the work by consecration to the task, by sufficient educational background, and by a willingness to use every opportunity for becoming a trained and experienced teacher, such as **Special Study and Preparation, or attending Study Leaders' Meetings, Pastors' Schools, Leadership Schools, Training Courses, or Schools of Missions.**

IX. A REPORT of the class must be made to the Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service on the blank furnished by her. She shall examine it, and if requirements are met, she shall send it to the Jurisdictional Secretary of Missionary Education and Service who will issue a recogniton card for work meeting the required standard. Recognition cards will be sent the Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service twice a year.

Read carefully both sides of this report blank BEFORE the class begins to study. Plan to meet requirements **without asking that exceptions be made.** Every item on reverse side must be **filled out completely and accurately** immediately upon completion of course and returned to Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service.

REPORT OF STUDY CLASS APPLYING FOR SPECIAL RECOGNITION FROM THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

OF THE.....JURISDICTION

Topic studied.....

Title of book used as text.....

Author of text.....

List Titles of reference books and other materials used by **members of class** in connection with the study of topic (OVER II).....

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Number of weeks used for study.....(Not counting monthly meeting.) (OVER III)

Opening date.....Closing date.....

Number of class sessions.....Length in hours of each class session.....

Number of Students in class.....Average attendance.....

(Every student must complete required reading) (OVER VI)

DESCRIBE some assignments given by the teacher to members of the class in preparation for class sessions, **in addition to reading text.** State some results.....

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Describe the methods used in conducting class sessions (OVER VII).....

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Name of teacher.....

Qualifications: (See OVER VIII)

What Educational background.....Teaching Experience.....

.....State definitely what special preparation was made for leading this class.....

Conference..... District..... Church.....

Secretary of Missionary Education and Service.....

Address .....

RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, the committee, recommend:

I. On Children's Work

1. That the Secretary of Children's Work continue to promote Children's Work under the guidance and direction of the Conference Secretary of Children's Work.

2. (a) That, if possible, a regular teacher or worker of the primary or junior department of the church school be elected as Secretary of Children's Work in the Society.

3. That the Secretary of Children's Work attend district and zone meetings, training schools, and all meetings of children's workers in the local church.

4. That the Pastor be requested to appoint the Secretary of Children's Work, as one of the members at large of the Church Board of Education, in order that she may keep the Board informed concerning Missionary Units and that provision may be made for their study.

5. That the Secretary of Children's Work be urged to use the current report blanks provided for their use found in the Record and Report Book of the local Corresponding Secretary.

6. Leaders should give careful attention to World Service Sunday and its observance in the children's division. They should strive to make it a recurring source of inspiration and information for the children.

II. On Literature and Publications.

1. That each auxiliary send quarterly reports for Literature and Publications.

2. That the Secretary of Literature and Publications serve on the program committee so that she may more effectively promote the use of program material and other literature of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

3. That each society make a careful study of all the Literature provided for its use and help and report to the Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications concerning its use and its suitability to the need of the local society.

4. That a systematic effort be made to place "The Methodist Woman" and the "World Outlook" in every home represented by the membership

of the auxiliaries.

5. That the Secretary of Literature and Publications promote the sale and distribution of "Junior Friends and Neighbors."

6. That children's publications be placed in the hands of every child in the church and that the adult society make definite plans to secure the necessary finances for this project.

7. That the Woman's Society of Christian Service continue to edit the Woman's page in the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

III. On Missionary Education and Service.

A. That Special Missionary Projects, already supported by the Conference, Districts, Zones, Societies and Individuals be continued.

B. Since Special Jurisdiction Recognition may now be granted for any study on the approved list, including Bible Study and studies in Christian Social Relations, that each society plan to have at least one Special Jurisdiction Recognition Class during the year.

C. That each Society, if possible, send the Secretary of Missionary Education and Service to the Pastors' School and Conference for Christian Workers, June 9-13, Centenary College, Shreveport.

D. That the Conference defray the travel expense of two cars to Mount Sequoyah for Conference leaders and potential leaders to attend the School of Missions; and that Conference Secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities and Missionary Education and Service, and the Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life, for whom the Division has provided $10.00 each on expense to the School of Missions, be given places in the cars; that the details of arrangements be worked out by a committee from the Executive Body appointed by the President.

E. In view of the fact that a Missions course and courses in two of the areas of Christian Social Relations will be taught in the Louisiana Conference Youth Assembly that societies cooperate in creating interest in and, if possible, in sending delegates to the Assembly.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORT OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE AND MESSAGE

Our dear leader, Mrs. Guy Hicks, is not able to be with us on account of illness, and our hearts are saddened by her absence. We will hold her in loving remembrance, and pray that God may seem very near and real to her during these quiet days.

I am glad to take her place, since she took up this important work when I was forced to lay it down. She sent in the items for this report along with the following message: "Tell the women I love them and I love the work more than I can say. I want them to have this poem which has helped me greatly during these days of weakness."

WHAT GOD HATH PROMISED

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn path ways
All our lives through.
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Graces for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy
Undying love.

Mrs. Hicks has been busy this year traveling over the state, attending many district and Zone meetings, sending out hundreds of letters and distributing large numbers of leaflets.

She has encouraged the reading of devotional literature, by sending out special letters and book lists. There is a list of 177 Spiritual Life leaders, but she feels there must be many more. It is hoped all auxiliaries will send in the names of those intrusted with this essential work. The following program will suggest some of the aims and accomplishments of the year:

Group meetings, inspirational and informal, with the following elements: meditation, devotional study of Bible, prayer, music and stories, testimony or sharing, silence, discussion.

Demonstration group meetings at zones and district meetings.

Retreats, especially a retreat in each local society just for officers and committee chairman—a dedication service.

Special prayer periods, including the Week of Prayer and the World Day of Prayer on February 28, with emphasis on the inter-denominational feature of the latter.

Bible study in close cooperation with the Superintendent of Missionary Education and the committee of Christian Social Relations.

Home devotions and meditation, distribution of the Upper Room books and other devotional literature.

Correlation with the program committee in planning the entire program of the organization.

Pastor's aid—offering assistance to him in church worship and attendance, revival services, prayer groups, visiting, etc.

Emphasis on Bible reading and study in Church School and through other regular channels.

Deepening of the inner life through good reading, church libraries, reading circles, circulating library, etc.

Since Mrs. W. M. Alexander, general chairman of Spiritual Life, will teach a course in the Pastors' and Christian Workers' School at Centenary in June, an effort will be made to interest all local chairman of spiritual life and urge them to attend. The following is the Spiritual Life set-up:

Chairman, Mrs. W. M. Alexander; Alexandria District Key Woman, Mrs. L. A. Blevins; Baton Rouge District Key Woman, Mrs. H. A. Sheppard, 120 St. Maximilian Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Lake Charles District Key Woman, Mrs. Eliza I. Harris, Lake Charles or Oberlin, Louisiana; Monroe District Key Woman, Mrs. Harold Riggs, Airport Road, Monroe, Louisiana; New Orleans District Key Woman, Mrs. David Tarver, Houma, Louisiana; Ruston District Key Woman, Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Cotton Valley, Louisiana; Shreveport District Key Woman, Mrs. Sudie Lingle, 649 Elmwood Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana.

We are most anxious to have an active Spiritual Life Chairman and group in every Woman's Society of Christian Service in Louisiana—that is our aim for 1941.

Stir me awake, dear God
New Days are calling
Stir me awake, awake
New days are here.

These are new days, there is no doubt about that, but our hearts are fixed. We will work and pray, and sing and rejoice that we have a part to play in times like these. May our eyes be open indeed to the possibilities of the Spiritual Life Work.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. R. E. SMITH,
Acting Chairman of Spiritual Life
Work for Mrs. Guy Hicks.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON SPIRITUAL LIFE

We, your committee on Spiritual Life and Message, submit the following:

1. That we continue the organization of Spiritual Life groups with the objective "One or more in every auxiliary."

2. That we continue to encourage the reading, study and distribution of devotional literature and establish Book Rooms wherever possible.

3. That we sponsor special prayer projects with emphasis upon the present world crisis.

4. That we continue to cooperate with the Christian Social Relations Committee, the Christian Education and Service Committee and the

Committee on local activities.

5. That we emphasize the value of retreats in the local auxiliary, the district and the conference.

6. That we promote Inter-Church cooperation, observing especially the World Day of Prayer.

7. That we seek to deepen the Christian atmosphere of the Home by cooperating with the Children's Work of the Society and all agencies dealing with the development of the spiritual life of the child.

8. That Spiritual Life leaders be urged to go to Junaluska and Sequoyah and to attend the Spiritual Life Institute at the Pastors' School.

9. That we continue to cooperate with the Pastor and the Church program in the cultivation of the spiritual life.

10. That copies of these recommendations be placed in the hands of the Spiritual Life leaders of the Conference as a working guide for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. R. E. SMITH,
MRS. SUDIE LINGLE,
MRS. CLARENCE DAY, Secretary
Spiritual Life Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF WOMEN

The Committee on the Status of Women recommend:

1. That all members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service make a study of themselves and their purposes in the light of progress made in a Woman's Century so that they may redefine the ways in which they are to participate in the places open to them in the church, in the business and civic world, and in the wider social life.

2. Appreciating the new opportunities of service granted to the women of the united church in national, jurisdictional, conference and local boards, the committee urges the women to take every opportunity to assume these responsibilities by serving faithfully, loyally, and effectively in these positions.

3. Realizing that what affects any group of women affects all of us, the committee will make special study of women in minority groups with a view of contributing toward improvement in their status in the social and civic world and building a stronger democracy for all.

4. That a study be made of what other national organizations are doing on similar committees and that we crystalize these findings so that a bibliography can be prepared and a file of material collected. This information will be available for conference secretaries and program purposes.

5. That Methodist women educate themselves to become aware of the tragic needs of the women of other lands and that by sympathy, understanding, prayer, and active participation where possible, all contribute to the rebuilding of the status of women in this war-torn world.

MRS. S. J. FAIRCHILD
MRS. JOHN PARKER
MRS. WARD ANDERSON

REPORT OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The duties of the Missionary Personnel Committee in the new organization of Woman's work are those of the former Candidate Committee. We seek to cultivate young women and interest them in definite Christian service. Though doors of service in some fields are closed, others are wide open and young women of ability and consecration are still being called. Latin America, India and Africa need reinforcements.

To help in providing training at Scarritt College for young women who meet the health, education, personality and religious standards, Louisiana has two endowed scholarships. These are the Whited Memorial and Haas scholarships. In January, Miss Marguerite Manning of New Orleans entered Scarritt on the Whited Memorial and by staying through the summer term, hopes to receive her degree in June, 1942. A letter from Dr. Cuninggim, President of Scarritt, gives the status of the Haas fund, assuring us that accumulated interest is sufficient to provide a year for another girl. Two young women are applying, hoping to enter in September. The Conference will supply scholarships provided they are accepted by the Missionary Personnel Committee of the Division. There has been correspondence with several others during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, Jr., Chairman

LOUISIANA MISSION FIELDS

MAC DONELL FRENCH MISSION SCHOOL

Wesley Community House and French Rural Work—Houma, La.

Report of 1940

I. Advisory Board:

Mrs. J. A. Pharr, President; Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Mrs. J. H. Thatcher, Mrs. C. I. Jones, Mrs. Gilman McConell, Dr. Elmer C. Gunn, Dr. B. H. Andrews.

II. Staff of Workers, 1940-'41:

Deaconesses Ella K. Hooper, Lillie J. Hendricks, Elizabeth Covington, Miss Ione Gandy, Miss Annie Lampard, Miss Katherine Smith, Mr. Desire J. Bergeron, Mr. J. B. Lear, Mr. Murphy Delaune, Miss Claire Hargis,

Miss Mary Bobbett, Miss Maude V. Nelson, R. N., and Miss Inez McGhee, substitute.

(2) Dulac Indian School: Miss Wilhelmina Hooper.

REPORT OF MAC DONELL SCHOOL FOR 1940

Each year at MacDonell School is but the crowning of all the years that have gone before, and the beginning of years to come. It seems, therefore, fitting to make this report the story of one of our present Seniors—a story of which only the first chapters can now be written.

Inez Vicknair, a fellow student, wrote the following as a class exercise in November, 1935:

Near Houma, on a plantation called Hollywood, lived a very poor family, consisting of father, mother and one tiny boy named Albert. One bright morning, July 29, 1922, a sweet baby girl was born to this family. The father and mother were so happy to have a little daughter and, when she was eight days old, they sent her to the church with a god-father and god-mother to have her christened. She was named Helen. Helen was not a very healthy baby because she didn't have the right kind of nourishment, but she had courage and a sweet spirit, even at that early age, and was a joy to the home.

The family grew larger; the wages were too small, so the father went in search of a better place. He found work on a plantation in Lafourche Parish—Lockport Central—and moved his family there. The father worked and the mother took in sewing and all went well for a time. Then one day the father came home looking so sad that Helen knew something was wrong. The father said, "I am out of a job again and will have to find another." He found a place on Bayou Cane and moved his family there. They were quite happy for a while and getting along fine, until the father got sick. He was very sick and had to be sent to the Charity Hospital in New Orleans. There he died.

There were at this time five small children in the family, and the mother brought them to Houma to the home of her own father. Here they lived for a while and the mother took in sewing to help out, working very hard to send the older ones to school. The boy, Albert, had to drop out to help work. When Helen was in the fourth grade she heard of MacDonell School and came several times to see if she might enter. A scholarship was secured for her and, in September, 1934, Helen and her sister Bessie entered MacDonell School.

Helen soon found that there was much more to be learned at MacDonell School than what she found in the books. She must learn to set a table, to have good table manners, to care for her clothes, to make a bed just right, and so many other things. But Helen was eager to learn and soon caught on to such things. What she loved most was the hymns and the Bible stories and going to Church. She decided she wanted to join the Methodist Church so, with her mother's permission, she and her

sister, Bessie, were received into the church on Easter Sunday."

Here Inez's story ends, but the real story of Helen's life is just begun. The mother remarried, conditions in the new home were not happy for the children so, not only Helen and Bessie, but the two younger girls as well were taken into MacDonell School the second year. Then it was arranged for Albert to enter so to get a little more training and education for the hard task ahead of him. The five children developed rapidly. This year Albert, having reached the eighth grade, had to drop out to work, his mother being again a widow and with some smaller children to support.

Now Helen stands on the threshold of graduation She is already teaching in the Sunday School and assisting with other church work. She is eager to enter college and become a teacher and devote her life to such work as has so benefitted her and her family.

This story illustrates the work that is being done at MacDonell School. More than a hundred children and their families are made happier and stronger each year by the work. It is a work fruitful in the building of Christian character and Christian leadership.

SCHOLARSHIPS — 1940

Alexandria First Church—Libby Martin.
Alexandria First Church and Gleaners—Helen Cantrelle.
Alexandria District and Zones—Bessie Cantrelle, Rita Rogers and Benita Levron.
Bunkie—Mrs. W. D. Haas, Flossie Martin.
Baton Rouge First Church—Mollie Hatch and Sadie Martin.
Baton Rouge District—Modress Quatrevingt, Isaac Neal and Gloria Robinson.
Crowley Auxiliary—Bessie Marcelle.
New Iberia—Eunice Griffin.
Lake Charles District—Zones 2 and 4—Lelia Rita Dupré.
Lake Charles District—Zones 1 and 3—Carol Matherne.
Lake Charles Auxiliary—Ora Levron.
Lafayette—Mary Hafers.
Monroe District—Irma Malbrough.
Monroe First Church—Leroy Martin.
West Monroe—Shirley Robichaux.
New Orleans District, Zone 1, N. O.—Martharene Porche.
New Orleans District, Zones 2, 3, and 4—Ellswood Martin.
Carrollton Avenue—Elma Savoie.
First Church New Orleans—Roy Audoine.
Rayne Memorial—Helen Pitré.
Rayne Memorial, Snyder Scholarship—Oakland Cantrelle.
Homer and Haynesville—Vernice Liner.
Ruston Auxiliary—Odile Cantrelle.
Shreveport, Zone 1—Victoria Neal.

Shreveport, Zone 2—Robert Hunter.
Shreveport, Zones 3 and 4—Loraine Martin.
Shreveport First Church—Bessie Cantrelle and Mary Pitré.
Shreveport Gleaners—Rita Mae Savoie.
Noel Memorial, Shreveport—Morris Martin, Dolores Rogers and Maryann Rodrigue.
Conference, Houma Day Offering—Lucia Rodrigue.
Shreveport First Church, Mrs. Lamar Baker—Rita Dupré.
Monroe, Parker Memorial Class—Gertrude Landis.

THE DULAC INDIAN MISSION

"The people known as Houma Indians inhabiting the costal portions of Lafourche and Terrebonne number approximately 2000. This estimate is based upon survey visits of a number of bayous inhabited by Indians of this classification." Thus Dr. Frank G. Speck of the University of Pennsylvania introduces the subject in his report of recent date.

These Indians are found in a number of different settlements and are not of pure Houma blood. The largest single grouping is on Bayou Grand Caillou of which Dulac is the center. At this point—Dulac—a school for the Indians was opened in the fall of 1932, nine years ago. It was a private enterprise sponsored by some of MacDonell School workers in their own spare time and with personal funds. The teachers were volunteers who received only their maintenance while giving their time and energy to this challenging call.

Interest in this project soon spread and Methodist people throughout the Conference became interested and many sent gifts from time to time to help out the work. Mr. T. C. Clanton, of Shreveport, erected a chapel for this group who had no place of worship, though many had already joined the Methodist Church. The Woman's Missionary Council included this project in the Week of Prayer of 1936 and secured sufficient funds to keep a Deaconess in the field for two years. Since that time, though, the work has been sustained by private enterprise, though under the watch-care of the Methodist Church. Miss Wilhelmina Hooper has been Principal, and, for a good part of the time, sole teacher and worker. She labors indefatigably, in season and out, to encourage and help the people in their home problems as well as for the instruction of both young and old in the various schools—day school, night schools and extension schools.

The present enrollment is eighty. The attendance is seasonal, as the work of the section is seasonal. These Indians take great pride in the school and not alone the children, but their parents as well are eager to learn all they can. They use what they hear at the center as a standard by which to measure other information. Thus they become susceptible to exploitation.

Handwork has been an important phase of the work since the beginning of the school, but renewed interested is being manifested in reviving many of the ancient and almost forgotten arts and crafts. With such encouragement as is given many of the older people call to mind some art they had seen or heard of in their youth and a beginning is made on it, each person adding a bit to the required information until some worthy achievement has come to light. Native material is used, moss, palmetto, cypress, grasses of various kinds and herbs for coloring. Wax from the swamp myrtle is used for candle making. These have a penetrating fragrance when burned. Such practical articles as baskets, hats, fans, and brooms are made of the palmetto. Door-mats, dolls, horse-collars and such things are made of the black moss, and the plyable wood of the young cypress is used in a variety of useful and ornamental objects. A wild grass that grows in abundance there is used for hearth brooms. It is also dried and shipped north to broom factories, though is inferior broom material. Fish scales are being used in making various ornaments and beads.

Miss Wilhelmina Hooper and her Indian friends are studying the native plants and making a collection of plants and roots used for medicine by early Indian groups. Of these there is an abundance in the vicinity.

Great strides have been made in the past years in enabling the Houma Indian to become a stalwart, respected, independent citizen. The second decade of this endeavor will be fittingly celebrated by an enlarged program sponsored by the Conference women, thus making sure the future of the endeavor.

REPORT OF ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

Officers of Board

President.....Mrs. J. W. Warren, 470 Audubon Boulevard
Vice-President.....Mrs. C. C. Hightower, 85 Audubon Boulevard
Recording Secretary.....Mrs. H. P. Shallcross, 1209 Fern
Corresponding Secretary.....Mrs. J. W. Woodard, 4029 Banks
Treasurer.....Mrs. L. D. Chaffee, 1920 Audubon Street

Members of Staff

Head Resident.....Julia Southard
Director of Music and Art.....Julia Lovin
Director of Girls' Work.....Muriel Van Dyke
Director of Boys' Work.....William H. Owens
Nurse.....Emma Vogel

One of the outstanding features of the work at St. Mark's is the Clinic. Eight hundred patients were served in March and the average is about seven hundred per month. A new pediatrics clinic is doing a big job in taking care of the health needs of the babies and children. About forty patients are given venereal disease treatment each week. In addition to

these two clinics there are three medical clinics, four dental clinics, and two ear, nose and throat clinics.

About five hundred individuals are registered in the Center activities and the monthly attendance is around four thousand. The clubs and other groups are strong this year and are doing good work. A number of athletic teams have been entered in Leagues and have made a good showing. The band has continued to make progress and has given a number of very fine public performances. The girls and women are proud of the dresses and other articles made in the sewing classes. The Scout troops have all taken on new life and are well organized. The Music Department is larger than it has ever been. Many of the pupils have been taking lessons at St. Mark's for several years and show marked progress.

The youngsters are very much excited over the camping trip this year. Camp Tangipahao in Percey Quinn State Park near McComb, Mississippi, will be used and it is far superior to any previous camping site. Seven days will be spent there and it is hoped that the boys and girls will grow and develop in many ways during this week spent in the great out-of-doors.

The Vacation Church School will follow camp and plans are being carefully worked out for it. A fine crew of workers has been secured.

Inquiries come in daily concerning the opening of the swimming pool. That is the most popular spot during the time it is open which is May 15th until the end of August.

The Downtown Training School was held at St. Mark's this year and meant a great deal to all the Church workers who were able to attend. The Children's Division of the Church School had six teachers attending. This Division is doing outstanding work and a large number of younger children have been drawn into the School. A special evangelistic campaign has strengthened the Church and the future looks very bright.

It is a joy to have a share in the work at St. Mark's because there are so few forces for good in this community. It stands out as a "rock in a weary land" and it is hoped that many people will find rest and peace in its shadow.

JULIA SOUTHARD.

JUBILEE INN
City Mission Board

President.....Mrs. Lee Kinnebrew
Vice-President.....Mrs. W. E. Ijams
Recording Secretary.....Mrs. Lee Tidwell
Treasurer.....Mrs. N. L. Hudson

The year 1940 has not been different from that of other years. Old faces have gone while new ones have been added to take their place. The home has been filled to capacity nearly every month this year.

Many would have remained with us if space had allowed. Several girls married during the year and established homes of their own.

Girls of different denominations make up our household. Baptist, Methodist, Christian, Church of God, and Catholic, share together in privileges and duties. We hope it is a means of breaking down barriers and enlarging visions and friendships.

It has been the privilege of the girls to enjoy a book review by Mrs. E. L. Gill almost every month. Mrs. Gill's presentation of recent books is both inspirational and instructive.

The health and happiness of the girls is always of great concern. Some have had operations with satisfactory recovery. Others who needed medical care have received necessary attention.

Special days have brought added joys to all. At the Christmas season when our tree was enjoyed the girls invited guests and board members and a very happy evening was spent together.

A Good Friday service was especially helpful to all. The service was held in the living room before breakfast under the leadership of Dean R. E. Smith. A beautiful spirit of reverence and worship prevailed. The fellowship with Dean and Mrs. Smith at the breakfast hour was a joy to us.

The girls continued to do good work in various organizations of the church. Some splendid leadership is being developed from year to year.

SAGAR-BROWN HOME AND GODMAN SCHOOL

Staff

Eva M. Callaway.....Superintendent
Agnes A. Adams.....Principal
Rosa A. Cobb.....Home Economics
Carrie Patillo.....Grade and Calisthenics
Vivian Unruh.....Grade and Music
Dorothy Strine.....Primary Teacher
Antonia Jackson.....Girls Matron
Elizabeth Reed.....Boys Matron
Elnora Bernard.....Kitchen Matron
Charles Wright.....Farmer

In the home are forty children ranging in age from three to sixteen years.

There is school from first grade through the ninth. There are several children who come from Baldwin to school because our school is superior. A small tuition fee is charged.

The children are given training in the various phases of practical home making, farming, dairying, and stock and poultry raising.

The social and religious side of life is stressed. Beside the religious training in the home there is regular attendance of Sunday School and Church.

(We have no local board. Our Executive Secretary is Muriel Day.)

SPRINGHILL, LOUISIANA

Among the happy experiences that I have had the six months I have been in Springhill is with the different prayer groups that have been started in the different sections of the town. All denominations cooperating together in these prayer groups.

Through the use of a religious census, Brother Morgan and I have found many people in Springhill that are Methodist that do not have their membership here. They are gradually moving it here.

I have enjoyed very much working with the young people groups. If we can keep the young people interested in the church and its program, they will not lose faith in these troubled times. Life needs spiritual significance before it becomes important.

Much of my time is spent in planning wholesome recreation.

Some of my time has been spent in the children's division. Some of the happy experiences have been with the children in writing to the different friends that I made at Scarritt college. Friends from Cuba, Japan and etc. Our prayer every Sunday is . . .

May all the Nations share,
Lord God thy Gracious care,
Thy name adore.
Hail to the Prince of Peace
Long may His reign increase
Till wrong and wars shall cease
Forever more.

I am looking forward to holding Vacation Bible School in the district this summer, and helping in the intermediate and senior camp.

Respectfully submitted,
FAYE KIRKPATRICK

TRANSYLVANIA RURAL WORK

The work at Transylvania has had some very interesting developments during the past year. In August, 1940, the Transylvania Methodist Church was organized with 34 members. Since that time the program of the Church has gone forward with real interest! Church School attendance has increased; a Vacation Church School has been held; a training class has been conducted; the Board of Christian Education has been organized, and with quarterly meetings is planning the program of the Church; the Woman's Society of Christian Service has been organized and is beginning a program of service and study which will be very helpful in both church and community.

There are avenues of service through community organizations: the Community Council whose purpose it is to co-ordinate the work of the two community clubs; the religious council composed of the pastor and a lay representative of each church, two members at large from the Community Council, and the deaconess, whose purpose is to encourage com-

munity activities in harmony with religious ideals and to develop a spirit of co-operation between the churches within the community. The Parent Teachers' Association and Home Demonstration Clubs and the Community Clubs are other organizations with which the deaconess cooperates.

Two cottage prayer meetings are being continued—attendance varying according to weather and farming seasons. Leadership of these services is shifting from the deaconess to others within the group.

Story hours are conducted at the school each week with the first, second and fourth grades. Two other story hours are conducted on week-ends. Fair play, willingness to share, cheerfulness in losing, effort to reach ideals described in stories, have been noted in the development of some of the children attending regularly.

So has the year gone—a year filled with challenging experiences and service bringing great joy.

SHIELA NUTTALL

STUDENT WORK AT LOUISIANA STATE NORMAL COLLEGE

Deaconess Mamiej Chandler, Student Counselor

The program of work for students on the campus of Louisiana State Normal College is set up under the program of the Wesley Foundation—which is the Methodist Church at work in tax-supported colleges and universities. At the time of the organization of the program, in September 1939, the Student Cabinet numbered eight; a Sunday School class met on Sunday mornings and an Epworth League, composed largely of resident college students, met in the evenings. The program has expanded and now the Wesley Foundation Cabinet numbers eighteen, with the following committees functioning—Worship, Personnel, World Friendship, Bible Study, Drama, Recreation, Peace Education, Publicity, Posters, Music, House (arrangements for various services), and a representative for our Methodist student magazine, **Motive.** The members of the Cabinet are students selected for their qualities of leadership and for their active interest in the Wesley Foundation.

The Student Religious Center, provided by the College Administration Center has been improved, and now provides attractive centers for the Wesley Foundation, Baptist Student Union, Presbyterian Student Association, Episcopal Student Group, a general Assembly Room, Chapel, and apartments for the two employed student workers, Miss Mamiej Chandler, Methodist Student Counselor, and Miss Josephine Harris, Baptist Student Worker. A fine cooperation between these denominational groups is being worked out, large numbers of students of all denominations come to the Student Religious Center for fellowship and counsel, and the program of the Church has a real place in the life of the campus.

The enrollment of the College this year is approximately 1500 students, undergraduates. Total number Methodist students, 355—Living

in Dormitories, 295; local and boarding in town, 60. Students of Christian denomination, which are by request of this denomination included in Methodist group, 30, making a total of 385, for which our Church is responsible. Of this number our program has touched definitely 160, and 100 are actively participating in our program. About 75% attend Church services irregularly, 50% regularly.

Our program this year has centered around "The Church." During the first weeks of the college session "Worship" was the theme of both morning and evening meetings of the Wesley Foundation. This was followed by a series of programs on "The Church"—its beginnings and growth, and some of the outstanding leaders of the early Christian Church, interpretation of the new Ritual of our own Church. During Lent the emphasis was upon the Church as a fellowship and an avenue of service. Special Lenten services were held in the Chapel in the Student Religious Center, the Methodist and Episcopal groups cooperating. Holy Communion was conducted by the rector of the Episcopal Church every Wednesday morning at seven o'clock, and Prayer and Meditation every Friday evening at 6:30 under the leadership of Miss Chandler, with the ministers of Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches participating. A self-denial offering was made by the Methodist students during Lent for the World Student Service Fund. A Bible Study Class meets twice a week in the Wesley Foundation Center. "A Survey of the Old Testament" is being given by Miss Chandler. "The Bible as Living Literature" is the subject of the study at the Student Class on Sunday mornings.

The program for the year came to a fitting close with the Banquet on Saturday night, April 26, and the Installation Service for the new officers on Sunday evening at the hour of Evening Worship in the Church. The theme of the Banquet was "Wesley Foundation—the Church on the Campus." The Installation of Officers for the incoming year was conducted by the Minister, Rev. Carl F. Lueg, and was followed by the Holy Communion. The new Cabinet will assume leadership immediately and make plans for attendance upon Student Conferences this summer, and definite preparation for the program next year.

Respectfully submitted,

DEACONESS MAMIEJ CHANDLER,
Student Counselor, Louisiana State
Normal College.

STUDENT WORK AT SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA INSTITUTE

Lafayette, Louisiana

(DIRECTOR—VERNA WEBSTER)

Helping students make readjustments incident to their expanding knowledge and their new experiences in college life has greatly enriched my own life. I began the year with eight objectives in mind. To give

in a brief report even a summary of our work together in achieving these aims means that I must submit to an outline.

We have tried to make our student program:

I. Church-related

1. Students have been encouraged to unite with the local church by profession of faith and by affiliated membership. Around fifty have done so.

2. Kept alive a spirit of service and responsibility to the church. Students have conducted special church services in the absence of the pastor, radio devotionals, religious drama, special music by our boys' quartet, mixed quartet and choir for church meetings, teas, study groups, etc.

3. Made a church membership survey of North Lafayette and offered our services in conducting a church school in that area.

4. United the program and budgets of the young people's department and college group.

5. Sponsored a project for the entire youth division in which each department made recreational equipment for the church play room.

6. Sponsor a twilight organ meditation service to which the entire church is invited.

II. Life-centered.

1. Held discussions on present problems.

2. Reviewed books, as "Facing Life and Getting the Best of It", in which we faced the power of fear, loneliness, temptation, love and sex, etc. in our daily lives.

3. Provided daily opportunities for wholesome fellowship, recreation and fun.

4. Provided a home-like atmosphere, each student having the chance to find a place for his talent in serving our big family.

5. Tried to live so that my own Christian faith would inspire confidence. Counseling and providing individual and group experiences for the personal development of students is indeed the very heart of student work!

III. Rich in Christian content.

1. Bible study for two months. Students conducted the worship, the pastor taught a course on the history of the Bible.

2. Book study—"A Christian Theology for Youth". Reached new heights in our conceptions of God and Christianity.

3. Discussions on "Just What Can I Expect of My Religion?", "How Does God Speak to Me?", and other topics of personal religion.

4. Small library of good books and magazines.

IV. Creative.

1. An active council, which meets weekly, creates a democratic spirit within the entire group.

2. The music group presented a lovely Christmas cantata at

Lafayette and Jeanerette. An epidemic of flu prevented our keeping engagements in other churches of the district. These students plan surprises for our own group and serve freely other organizations of the city.

3. Members of the folk game group conducted a very successful recreational evening in New Iberia.

4. Students have become more resourceful in program planning.

5. A personal news sheet appears on the bulletin board in our room often. Any student feeling an urge to publish one does so, and it is received wholeheartedly. Seldom do we learn the editor!

V. Self-supporting

1. Students made individual pledges, and use the church envelope system.

VI. Provide opportunities for world Christian fellowship

1. Made a thorough study of the migrant situation in the United States.

2. Participated in the World's Student Christian Federation Day of Prayer.

3. Studied the religions of the world.

4. United with the National Methodist Student Movement in Lenten observances—making a sacrifical offering for German refugee student scholarships.

5. Invited a returned missionary to speak to our group. Extended invitations to all campus groups for the lecture.

6. Sponsored several projects at the Charity Hospital.

7. Made world service pledge.

VII. Provide opportunities for leadership training.

1. Participated in the Standard Training School of our church, and received credits.

2. Twenty-four attended the Methodist State Student Conference at L. S. N. C. in February.

3. Two delegates sent to Baldwin, Kansas, for Jurisdictional Conference.

4. Weekly student participation in the development and directing of the program in the local church and on the campus.

VIII. School-related.

1. Cooperated with school authorities in every detail.

2. Attended the Baptist Youth Revival.

3. Offered our room to the Episcopal students for a special meeting and attended the lecture.

4. Gave use of our room to several other campus groups.

5. Entered teams in the college volley ball and basket ball tournament.

To have faculty members say that the Wesley Foundation is a power for good on the campus has thrilled our hearts and made us determined to keep it so!

DEPARTMENT OF LAWS
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE SOCIETY
Classification of Laws

1. Special Rules.
2. Standing Rules.
3. By-Laws.
4. That these terms be defined as follows:

(1) A rule for one year or expiring with the emergency which called it into being shall be known as a special rule.

(2) A special rule, which by a majority vote of the body is made permanent shall be known as a standing rule. A standing rule shall remain in force until amended or rescinded.

(3) A by-law is a law created by the body that is as binding on all the body and its agencies as is the constitution. Being created by the body, it may be rescinded at the will of the body. An amendment to the by-laws must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.

BY-LAWS ADOPTED BY THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Constitution and by-laws for all Conference Societies will be found in the new Hand Book.

1. Officers shall be elected biennially for a term of four years, with the privilege of reelection for one additional term in the same office. To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, beginning in 1942 the following officers shall be elected for a two year term: Vice-President, Organization Secretary, Recording Secretary, Secretary of Literature and Publications, Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Secretary of Supplies, and Secretary of Missionary Education and Service. The following officers shall be elected for a four year term: President, Treasurer, Secretary of Young Women's and Girls' Work, Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, Secretary of Student Work, Secretary of Children's Work.

2. When vacancies among officers, District Secretaries, or standing committees occur during the year they shall be filled by the administrative committee, with radification of the executive committee, until the next annual session of the conference when the office shall be filled by election.

3. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the president and the recording secretary.

4. The Treasurer may disburse without order from President and Secretary of Organization the quarterly expense money for all officers and District Secretaries. She shall send quarterly itemized statements to the Secretary of Organization, President, and District Secretaries.

5. Districts shall be divided into zones according to their size. A leader for each zone may be appointed by the District Secretary subject to the approval of the Secretary of Organization. The Zone Leaders shall hold meetings quarterly in their respective zones. A collection may

be taken at each meeting. After the expense of the meeting is paid the leader shall send the remainder to the Conference treasurer, stating the amount and from what zone.

6. Thirty five cents per member shall be set aside by the Treasurer for a cultivation fund, membership to be based on enrollment December 31, of preceeding year. Expense of officers, speakers at annual meetings, expense of executive meetings, expense of delegates to Jurisdictional meetings, expense for promotion and educational funds shall be paid from this cultivitation fund. All money in the fund at the end of fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the Conference work shall revert to the general fund.

7. Each local society shall include in its budget for Jurisdictional and Conference Cultivation, and for the purchase of literature, an amount equal to ten cents per member.

8. At each annual and district meeting public collections shall be taken for the Conference Work, and amounts forwarded to the Conference Treasurer. The district secretary may deduct any necessary expense of district meeting before remitting to the Treasurer.

9. The Treasurer shall advance each quarter for office expense the following amounts: To President, Vice President, Secretary of Young Women's and Girls' Groups, Secretary of Student Work, Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, Secretary of Children's work, $7.50 each; Secretary of Organization, $12.50; Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, $10.00; Secretary of Supplies, $10.00; Secretary of Literature and Publications, $20.00 (which shall include the cost of News Bulletin); District Secretaries, $7.50 each; Treasurer, $25.00 per month. Postage expense shall be allowed all chairmen of Conference Committees.

10. A half-hour of each forenoon during the Annual Meeting of the Conference shall be devoted to worship.

11. There shall be a standing committee on constitution and by-laws consisting of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any overlapping, conflicting, and unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use under proper heading in the annual report, a copy of the standing rules and rules of order. The Chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

12. There shall be a standing committee on Finance. It shall be the duty of this committee to study the financial needs of the Conference and plan ways to raise money to meet these needs. It shall make an annual report to the Conference Society of its work. The Chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

13. There shall be a missionary personnel committee composed of the President, who shall be the chairman, the Vice-President, Secretary of Organization, Secretary of Young Women's and Girls' groups, Secretary of Student work. It shall be the duty of this committee to interview those interested in preparing for definite Christian service.

14. There shall be an advisory committee in each District with the following personnel: the District Secretary, who shall be chairman, the District Superintendent, Conference officers within the district, the pastor in charge of the local church and the presidents of each society in the charge in which work is undertaken. This committee shall meet quarterly, at which time the worker employed by the Conference shall make a report. Written reports shall be submitted monthly to the District Secretary, Conference President, and Secretary of Organization.

15. The District Advisory Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee of the Conference the advisability of continuing each worker in the District.

16. There shall be an Administrative Committee composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary of Organization, Treasurer and officers residing in the District involved in matters of administration. This Committee shall have the power to serve as ad interim committee. The Chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

17. There shall be a research committee consisting of seven members, preferably one from each District. It shall be the duty of this committee to keep informed as to the type of women needed for places of leadership in the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, to seek constantly throughout the Church for women who are consecrated, trained and available for such places of service. It shall furnish this information to the Conference when the occasion demands. The Chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

18. Any member of the Woman's Division, and any Jurisdictional officers residing in this Conference shall be members of the Executive Committee.

19. All proposed changes to the by-laws shall be sent to the committee on Constitution and By-laws 30 days before the annual meeting of the Conference, and typed copies shall be made for distribution to the delegates.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

Art. 1—

Nominations for District Secretary shall be made by a committee composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary of Organization and the Treasurer; election to be by acclamation.

Art. 2—

All communications from Conference Officers, such as circular letters, literature, etc., must go direct to society officers of corresponding office, instead of through the District Secretary.

Art. 3—

The retiring District Secretary shall plan as far as possible and if necesary, hold the first district meeting after Conference.

Art. 4—

Each District Secretary will be allowed expense money to attend one meeting a year in each zone in her district. An additional Twenty-

Five ($25.00) Dollars per year will be allowed for cultivation work in the District.

Art. 5—

A committee shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the Conference session.

Art. 6—

Standing committee shall meet for organization before leaving the place of meeting of the Conference. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum. Expenses for one annual meeting of each standing committee shall be allowed.

Art. 7—

There shall be a committee of three, one of whom shall be the Secretary of Organization, elected to visit the home institutions within the boundary of the Conference and to cooperate with them in the advancement of their work. An expense account may be presented when necessary.

Art. 8—

Typists shall be supplied at the Annual meeting for the writing of committee reports, expense of same to be paid by the Conference.

RULES OF ORDER

Art. 1—

Each meeting shall open and close with a religious service.

Art. 2—

All resolutions shall be presented in writing and signed by two members.

Art. 3—

No member shall receive recognition unless she rise to address the chair.

Art. 4—

Courtesies shall be limited to the 10 minutes before noon devotional service.

STANDING RULES FOR ADULT SOCIETIES

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the Conference Treasurer and District Secretary.

2. In order that the Society entertaining the Annual Conference may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, a luncheon shall be served by an outside agency, at a price not to exceed 50 cents per plate.

3. In case any society is not sending a member as delegate to the Annual Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, that Society may elect its Zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

4. One-fourth of the membership of the Society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

5. The president of the society shall be responsible for the calling

an executive meeting the last of each quarter, at which time the reports should be made out and mailed to the Conference Officers.

6. The corresponding secretary of each Society shall send the total amount pledged, to the District Secretary not later than February 15th, and the Memorial Roll not later than March 10th.

7. Societies having the circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two years.

8. Representation at Annual Meetings shall be one delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof. Each Society, however small, will have one delegate.

9. Thirty days before the Annual Conference meeting, the Conference Recording Secretary shall send to the President of each Society in the Conference registration cards, which she shall fill in with names of delegates, and with check covering luncheons, and mail immediately to the Chairman of Registration in the Society entertaining the Conference.

10. A report presenting all resolutions and plans adopted should be made by the delegate or delegates at the first meeting of the Society after the Conference.

INFORMATION—ADULT DEPARTMENT

What You Need—Where To Get It

I.—Adult—

(a) "Conference News." If you do not receive your literature write to.— (b) Report subscriptions to World Outlook—$1.00 per year, (containing material for programs) to

—Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., Lafayette, La.

II.—

Order "World Outlook", "The Methodist Woman"—50 cents from "World Outlook", 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

III.—

(a) New Hand Book for Adult Missionary Societies—. (b) Adult Year Book (Aux. programs). (c) Record and Report Books for—1. Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries, 35c. 2. Auxiliary Treasurers, 35c. Adult Set (two above), 65c. (d) Pledge Cards, etc. Plays, Demonstrations. Literature on Status of Women. Prices given on request.

—Literature Department, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Money orders, checks, if possible, accompany orders.) Stamps, if sent, will be returned.

IV.—Mission Study Books—

For courses recommended see page "Bible and Mission Study." For information, write Mrs. G. W. Dameron, 1901 Centenary Boulevard, Shreveport, La.

ROSTER OF
ZONE LEADERS AND AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS
ACCORDING TO ZONES AND DISTRICTS
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. L. A. Bodie, Flora, La.

Auxiliaries	Presidents	Address
Atlanta	Mrs. Arthur Luther	R. F. D. 1, Altanta, La.
Flora	Mrs. J. E. Faust	Flora, La.
Montgomery	Mrs. J. C. Cardozier, R.F.D.,	Montgomery, La.
Natchitoches	Mrs. J. L. Brunsen	Natchitoches, La.
Robeline	Mrs. Moses	Robeline, La.
Pleasant Hill	Miss Susie Haynes	Pleasant Hill, La.

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Colfax	Mrs. P. A. Dean	Colfax, La.
Ball	Mrs. Loney Davis	Ball, La.
Boyce	Mrs. A. J. Hicks	Boyce, La.
Montgomery	Mrs. L. J. Harrison	Montgomery, La.
Hollins Chapel	Mrs. Jewel Tisen	Dry Prong, La.
Clear Creek	Mrs. Lois Perry	Rt. 1, Pineville, La.
Palestine	Mrs. P. S. Aymond	Box 351, Pineville, La.
Pollock	Mrs. Dorothy Till	Pollock, La.
Pineville	Mrs. P. H. Oneal, c/o Oneal Bros.,	Pineville, La.

Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. C. M. Pulliam, Elizabeth, La.

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Lecompte	Mrs. J. J. Bridges	Lecompte, La.
Melder	Mrs. Ethel Gilbert	Melder, La.
Glenmora	Mrs. L. A. Blevins	Glenmora, La.
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Bunkie	Mrs. T. D. Chapman	Bunkie, La.
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Zone 6—Leader, Mrs. A. G. Powell, Good Pine, La.

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BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. J. C. Lowry, 2224 Chickasaw Road, Baton Rouge, La.

Auxiliaries	Presidents	Address
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Istrouma	Mrs. L. S. Easterly	Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, La.
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Plaquemine	Mrs. J. S. Darby	Plaquemine, La.
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Angie	Mrs. George W. Stafford	Angie, La.
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Greensburg	Mrs. C. S. Holland	Greensburg, La.
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Walker	Mrs. Walter Coburn	Corbin, La.
Denham Springs	Mrs. E. I. Hood	Denham Springs, La.
Carpenter's Chapel	Mrs. Walter Carpenter	Hobart, La.
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Loranger	Miss Glide Overmier	Loranger, La.
Ponchatoula	Mrs. S. Yawn	Ponchatoula, La.
Lee's Landing	Mrs. Carl Raiford	Ponchatoula, La.
Wesley Chapel	Miss Lizzie Howes	Ponchatoula, La.

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Tangipahoa	Mrs. L. H. Bowden	Tangipahoa, La.

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Concord	Mrs. L. B. Weems	Rt. 1, Jackson, La.
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Jackson	Mrs. John H. Trotter	Jackson, La.
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St. Francisville	Mrs. R. E. Watson	St. Francisville, La.
Tunica	Miss Adelaide Nicholas	Tunica, La.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sulphur, La.

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Bell City	Mrs. W. C. Barham	Bell City, La.
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DeQuincy	Mrs. Ray Koonce	DeQuincy, La.
Elton	Mrs. W. A. Fletcher	Elton, La.
Grand Chenier	Mrs. A. N. Garber	Grand Chenier, La.
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Kinder	Mrs. J. A. Knight	Kinder, La.
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Raymonde	Mrs. Earl Brown	R. F. D., Elton, La.
Simpson	Mrs. S. A. Knapp	815 Sixth St., Lake Charles, La.
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Vinton	Mrs. H. M. Lane	Vinton, La.
Welsh	Mrs. J. J. Miller	Welsh, La.
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Lafayette	Mrs. J. M. McLeod	Lafayette, La.
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Eunice	Mrs. Allen Hundley	Eunice, La.
Gueydan	Mrs. Dennis Hartwell	Gueydan, La.
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Jennings	Mrs. L. L. Kilgore	Jennings, La.
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Maxie	Mrs. L. B. Robinson	Rt. 1, Crowley, La.

MONROE DISTRICT

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Collinston	Mrs. A. J. Tarver	Collinston, La.
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Jones	Mrs. W. L. Pugh	Jones, La.
Mer Rouge	Mrs. Lawson Higginbotham	Mer Rouge, La.
Oak Ridge	Mrs. W. C. Binion	Oak Ridge, La.
Sterlington	Mrs. W. A. Pate	Sterlington, La.

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Delhi	Mrs. W. E. Dozier	Delhi, La.
Epps	Mrs. S. D. Boyles	Epps, La.
Forest	Mrs. J. H. Waller	Forest, La.
Lake Providence	Mrs. Charles Brown	Lake Providence, La.
Oak Grove	Mrs. J. J. Boyce, Jr.	Oak Grove, La.
Rayville	Mrs. W. L. Haley	Rayville, La.
Tallulah	Mrs. C. M. Ritchie	Tallulah, La.
Transylvania	Mrs. H. H. Teague	Transylvania, La.

Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. A. J. Ersminger, Wisner, La.

Buckner	Mrs. F. B. Hatch, Sr.	Rt. 2, Winnsboro, La.
Boeuf Prairie	Mrs. W. B. Wiggers, Jr.	Rt. 2, Winnsboro, La.
Crowville	Mrs. C. D. Powell	Crowville, La.
Gilbert	Mrs. Elzie Turner	Gilbert, La.
Mangham	Mrs. J. R. Geiger	Mangham, La.
Little Creek	Mrs. W. C. McKay	Archibald, La.

St. Joseph	Mrs. B. G. Hammons	St. Joseph, La.
Waterproof	Mrs. C. L. Chennault	Ferriday, La.
Wesley	Mrs. E. H. Biggs	St. Joseph, La.
Winnsboro	Mrs. O. L. Tucker	Winnsboro, La.
Wisner	Mrs. A. J. Ensminger	Wisner, La.

Zone 4—Leader, Mrs. W. H. Carroll, Grayson, La.

Columbia	Mrs. J. E. McClanahan	Columbia, La.
Columbia Heights	Mrs. Reece Ray	Columbia, La.
Grayson	Mrs. W. H. Carroll	Grayson, La.
Kelly	Mrs. Lottie Miller	Kelly, La.
Monroe First	Mrs. DeWitt Henry	503 Bres, Monroe, La.
Monroe Gordon Avenue	Mrs. R. E. Parsons	2308 Gordon, Monroe, La.
Monroe Stone Avenue	Mrs. H. F. Boyd	Gen. Del., Monroe, La.
West Monroe	Mrs. C. H. Myers	Mill St., West Monroe, La.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. S. E. Castles, 4538 S. Johnson St., New Orleans, La.

Auxiliaries	Presidents	Address
Aldersgate	Mrs. W. H. Kaupp	5012 Burgandy, New Orleans, La.
Algiers	Mrs. Childs E. Dunbar	412 Park Boulevard, Algiers, La.
Carrollton Avenue	Mrs. Ben Alchley	105 Park Place, New Orleans, La.
Chalmette	Mrs. W. C. Collins	1630 Louisa, New Orleans, La.
Church of the Redeemer	Mrs. S. Giardina	1812 N. Rampart, New Orleans, La.
Canal Street	Mrs. J. H. Hutchins	7813 Fig Street, New Orleans, La.
Eighth Street	Mrs. H. E. Happmeyer	223 Atherton Dr., Metairie, New Orleans, La.
Felicity	Mrs. J. F. Monroe	4123 Loyola, New Orleans, La.
First Church	Mrs. Leslie J. Hoyt	1462 Joseph, New Orleans, La.
Gentilly	Mrs. Arthur Beck	4615 Baccich, New Orleans, La.
McDonoughville	Mrs. T. P. Clapp	1000 Monroe, New Orleans, La.
Munholland Memorial	Mrs. E. A. Rose	1509 Sacrates, Metairie, New Orleans, La.
Napoleon Avenue	Mrs. F. R. Graves	3421 Robert, New Orleans, La.

Parker Memorial	Mrs. George Robinson	2622 Robert, New Orleans, La.
Rayne Memorial	Mrs. C. I. Jones	6215 St. Charles, New Orleans, La.
Second Church	Mrs. Melvin Rouse	4217 Bienville, New Orleans, La.
Slidell	Mrs. J. H. Robert	Slidell, La.
St. Mark's	Mrs. M. N. Mandlebaum	130 N. Broad, New Orleans, La.

Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. D. I. Bergeron, 1223 E. Main St., Houma, La.

Boutte Paradis	Mrs. Adam Beregeron	Boutte, La.
Bayou Blue	Mrs. Eldon Arceneaux	Rt. 2, Box 56 K, Houma, La.
Golden Meadow	Mrs. Leon Garrison	Star Route, Leesville, La.
Labadieville	Mrs. Emile Richard	Labadieville, La.
Lockport	Mrs. Mammie Barrios	Lockport, La.
Point Auchene	Mrs. John Neal, Sr.	Montegut, La.

Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. Harry Hendrick, Houma, La.

Donaldsonville	Mrs. W. F. Bolton	Vacherie, La.
Franklin	Mrs. Merlin Keenze	Franklin, La.
Houma	Mrs. Claude Ellender	Houma, La.
Houma Heights	Mrs. Helen Landis	Houma, La.
Morgan City	Mrs. J. A. Pharr	Berwick, La.

RUSTON DISTRICT

Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. George Gleason, Springhill, La.

Auxiliaries	Presidents	Address
Athens	Mrs. W. C. Hightower	Athens, La.
Arizona	Mrs. Margaret Copeland	Arizona, La.
Cotton Valley	Mrs. J. F. Wilson	Cotton Valley, La.
Cross Roads	Mrs. Joe Harmon	Rt. 1, Athens, La.
Haynesville	Mrs. A. H. Hunt	Haynesville, La.
Harmony Chapel	Mrs. R. J. Fuller	Hico, La.
Homer	Mrs. George Tigner	Homer, La.
Lisbon	Mrs. B. W. McDonald	Lisbon, La.
Springhill	Mrs. T. T. Curry	Springhill, La.

Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. A. E. Woodard, Ringgold, La.

Bienville	Mrs. Emory King	Bienville, La.
Bryceland	Mrs. W. J. N. Tilley	Bryceland, La.
Dubberly (Brushwood)	Mrs. L. C. Prothro	Dubberly, La.
Gibsland	Mrs. V. W. Barber	Gibsland, La.
Heflin	Mrs. K. J. Miles	Heflin, La.
Minden	Mrs. A. C. Council	Minden, La.
McIntyre	Mrs. W. J. Cox	McIntyre, La.
Oak Grove	Mrs. Morgan Shaffer	Oak Grove, La.

Pleasant Valley	Mrs. E. C. Hortman	Rt. 4, Minden, La.
Ringgold	Mrs. George Thomas	Ringgold, La.
Sibley	Mrs. C. R. Perritt	Sibley, La.

Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. T. L. McCrary, Ruston, La.

Birds Chapel	Mrs. Allen Harrell	Truxno, La.
Bethel	Mrs. Una V. Wells	Downsville, La.
Calhoun	Mrs. Jake Humble	Calhoun, La.
Choudrant	Mrs. O. H. Futrelle	Choudrant, La.
Downsville	Mrs. Frank Ballard	Downsville, La.
Farmerville	Mrs. Stein Baughman	Farmerville, La.
Marion	Mrs. S. L. Reeves	Marion, La.
Ruston	Mrs. S. L. Cole	Ruston, La.

Zone 4—Leader, Mrs. Stewart Deas, Arcadia, La.

Arcadia	Mrs. Fred Pentecost	Arcadia, La.
Ansley	Mrs. O. A. Kitchens	Ansley, La.
Clay	Mrs. I. M. Beatty	Clay, La.
Chatham	Mrs. W. C. Cockrell	Chatham, La.
Claiborne	Mrs. E. C. Gaskins	
Concord		
Dodson	Mrs. Leamon Stewart	Dodson, La.
Eros	Mrs. Fred Capps	Eros, La.
Hodge	Mrs. John Michaud	Hodge, La.
Jonesboro	Mrs. I. J. Allen	Jonesboro, La.
Mt. Pleasant		
Quitman	Mrs. J. W. McCullen	Quitman, La.

Zone 5—Leader, Mrs. H. M. Hood, Simsboro, La.

Alabama or (Weldon)	Mrs. J. H. Boatman	Weldon, La.
Antioch	Mrs. Frank Dring	Rt. 2, Simsboro, La.
Bernice	Mrs. E. D. Hollis	Bernice, La.
Dubach	Mrs. J. H. Fuller	Dubach, La.
Hilly	Mrs. V. C. Larance	Hilly, La.
Salem	Mrs. Lee Nobles	Hilly, La.
Summerfield	Mrs. W. A. Gray	Summerfield, La.
Simsboro	Mrs. L. P. Moreland	Simsboro, La.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. N. E. Joyner, Vivian, La.

Auxiliaries	Presidents	Address
Belcher	Mrs. W. A. Sawyer	Belcher, La.
Gilliam	Mrs. A. D. Cody	Gilliam, La.
Hosston	Mrs. J. R. Kavanaugh	Hosston, La.
Ida	Mrs. Joe Petty	Ida, La.
Mooringsport	Mrs. J. H. Bradford	Mooringsport, La.
Oil City	Mrs. L. B. Waldron	Oil City, La.

Shreveport Noel	Mrs. E. A. Sartor	4364 Richmond, Shreveport, La.
Vivian	Mrs. C. H. McEachen	Vivian, La.
Rodessa	Mrs. J. M. Moore	Rodessa, La.

Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. W. H. Martin, Plain Dealing, La.

Benton	Mrs. W. G. Stinson	Benton, La.
Bossier City	Mrs. A. T. Moore	401 Watson, Bossier City, La.
Doyline	Mrs. C. W. Thompson	Doyline, La.
Haughton	Mrs. T. H. Lawrence	Haughton, La.
Plain Dealing	Mrs. M. B. Bolinger	Plain Dealing, La.
Shreveport Mangum	Mrs. S. O. Grubbs	2755 W. Caperton, Shreveport, La.
Shreveport Wynn	Mrs. C. L. Ashworth	2444 James, Shreveport, La.
Shreveport Broadmoor	Mrs. H. L. Truly	485 Ockley Dr., Shreveport, La.

Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. W. L. Gilmer, Stonewall, La.

Bethany	Mrs. C. F. Rich	Bethany, La.
Cedar Grove	Mrs. J. A. Burnell	118 E. 72 Street, Cedar Grove, La.
Grand Cane	Mrs. C. C. Payne	Grand Cane, La.
Greenwood	Mrs. L. B. Rusheon	Greenwood, La.
Keithville	Mrs. Bryan Bush	Keithville, La.
Logansport	Mrs. W. H. Price	Logansport, La.
Longstreet	Mrs. P. C. Culpepper	Longstreet, La.
Shreveport Park Avenue	Mrs. Frank Waldrup	2932 Lillian Street, Shreveport, La.
Stonewall	Mrs. W. L. Gilmer	Stonewall, La.

Zone 4—Leader, Mrs. E. E. Stewart, 254 Forrest, Shreveport, La.

Coushatta	Mrs. Tom Wimberly	Coushatta, La.
East Point	Mrs. L. Hooper	East Point, La.
Hall Summit	Mrs. T. L. Hanna	Hall Summit, La.
Holly Springs	Mrs. Justin Teer	Rt. 1, Coushatta, La.
Sexton Chapel, Harmon	Mrs. N. F. Neely	Grand Bayou, La.
Mansfield	Mrs. S. A. Steel	Mansfield, La.
Mitchell	Mrs. W. T. Valentine	Mitchell, La.
Pelican	Mrs. Fred Breazeale	Pelican, La.
Shreveport First Church	Mrs. A. W. Baird	3825 Creswell, Shreveport, La.
Wesley Chapel	Mrs. Ben Wimberly	Rt. 1, Coushatta, La.
Zwolle	Mrs. Noble Holladay	Zwolle, La.

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